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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-17848**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 6/30/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/9;6/9,15/45	REPORT MADE BY CAJ:mlm
TITLE LOUIS TERKEL, aka "Studs" Terkel			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides 623 West Wrightwood Ave. and is local radio commentator. Was in U. S. Army from Sept., 1942, to August, 1943. Born May 16, 1912, New York City, N.Y. Has been identified with many CPA front groups. PHIL BART, Secretary, District #8, says TERKEL is member of CPA. Description set out.

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REQ. REC'D **12-29-52**
REP'T FORW. **1-22-53**
BY **RNH/jch**

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a review of the Chicago Field Office files.

ADDRESS:

Subject resides at 623 West Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

OCCUPATION:

TERKEL is presently employed as a news commentator over radio station WENR and is weekly commentator for the Independent Voters of Illinois, Incorporated, which organization, is reported, is being steadily infiltrated by the Communists.

SELECTIVE SERVICE:

A review of subject's Selective Service file at Local Draft

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Board #9, 1525 East 53rd Street, revealed the following information:

LOUIS TERKEL resides at 623 West Wrightwood, and he formerly resided at 825 B East 52nd Street. He has Order number 1489, possesses Social Security Number 360-09-0774. The file further reflects that he was educated at Crane Junior College for two years taking a general course. He took one year of pre-legal work at the University of Chicago and three years at the University of Chicago Law School. He stated that he was a radio script writer and actor. TERKEL said that he was employed by the Illinois Writers Project, Works Project Administration, at the time of the filling of his application.

The file reflects that he was married July 2, 1939, at Highland Park, and that his [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subject TERKEL was born on May 16, 1912, at New York City, New York. He stated that he was employed by Station WENR and Station WAIT as a news commentator. Subject listed his relatives as follows:

MEYER TERKEL, age 37, 500 West 188th Street, New York City. He is employed by the New York Board of Education.

[REDACTED]

ANNIE TERKEL, Mother, residing at 1217 North Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The file further reflected that the subject reported for induction on September 17, 1942, and was taken into the United States Army, being placed in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command at Greenboro, North Carolina. He was honorably discharged August 23, 1943, because of his age.

MILITARY RECORD:

Subject's Selective Service file reveals he was in the United States Army from September 17, 1942, to August 23, 1943, being stationed at Greenboro, North Carolina, in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

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CITIZENSHIP STATUS:

Subject's Selective Service file states he was born in New York City, New York, May 16, 1912.

BACKGROUND OF ACTIVITIES:

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* Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, informed this office on June 4, 1942, that LOUIS TERKEL seemed to use the current "Daily Worker" as a source of much of his inspiration and information following featured phases of the CPA line, namely praising U.S.S.R. Russian War Relief, Incorporated, racial angles, workers quite critical of WINSTON CHURCHILL recommending STAFFORD CRIPPS in his place, and recently lauded National Maritime Union. In "The Pilot", National Maritime Union's publication, issue of May 22, 1942, subject was listed to attend the National Maritime Daily Rally in Chicago.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL:

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* [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated that [] of the Abraham Lincoln School, was endeavoring to get subject to teach a course at the school. [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, on December 30, 1944, stated that [] told him that STUDS TERKEL would be one of the speakers on the Abraham Lincoln School's next symposium. [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated on March 13, 1945, that [] approached STUDS TERKEL and asked him to take part in a panel discussion later in the day. She also asked him if he would take over Mr. PATTERSON's class at the school that night. TERKEL told [] that he would participate in the panel and would be glad to take over Mr. PATTERSON's class at the school.

* [] further stated on April 17, 1945, [] said that he contacted Mrs. PAUL ROBESON in Connecticut and asked her if she would make a speech on the panel discussion on May 6th on the San Francisco Conference. [] told informant that other speakers on the panel were to be STUDS TERKEL, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and Senator WIMBUSH.

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JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE:

* [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated on February 1, 1945, [] told him that there was a party being given by the new West Side Committee on May 10th and that STUDS TERKEL was going to speak there.

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* [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated on February 19, 1945, [redacted] told him that she had contacted STUDES TERKEL and had asked him if he would make the collection appeal at the Delegates' Luncheon which was being held the following Saturday and that STUDES TERKEL told her he would do so.

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP:

* [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated that on February 1, 1945, that [redacted] in the Chicago Council, American-Soviet Friendship, asked STUDES TERKEL to make a short talk at the Red Army Celebration which was going to be held February 25, 1945, and STUDES told him he would do so.

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COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION:

* [redacted] stated that on April 24, 1945, PHIL BART, Secretary of District #8, told JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Committee member of CPA, that they had some very influential people in Chicago who were unable to help them very much because they did not want it known they were members of the CPA. BART stated they had one individual who broadcasts weekly for the Independent Voters of Illinois. BART stated that he is a member, but they must not let his membership be generally known. It is believed that the individual referred to by BART must be subject LOUIS TERKEL for he is the commentator for the Independent Voters of Illinois, Incorporated.

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INDEPENDENT VOTERS OF ILLINOIS, INCORPORATED:

TERKEL is the commentator on the weekly radio programs sponsored by this organization. According to informants, this organization is being infiltrated by the CPA.

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CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois, will ascertain if subject has a credit or criminal record in Chicago.

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TITLE LOUIS TERKEL, aka, "Studs" Terkel			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER (C)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to cooperate with alleged CPA front groups.
Credit and criminal record set out.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted]
at Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS:

Confidential Informants state subject continues to cooperate
with alleged CPA front groups.

JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE:

Confidential Informant [redacted] informed the office that
[redacted] told [redacted] that "STUDS" TERKEL was going
to be a speaker at the delegate's luncheon on February 24,
1945. This same informant also stated that [redacted] told
[redacted] that PAUL ROBESON was having a public meeting
at Madison, Wisconsin, for the Committee, and that "STUDS"
TERKEL was going to be master of ceremonies and collection
speaker.

[redacted] informed this office on June 5, 1945 that [redacted]
[redacted] had contacted "STUDS" TERKEL and requested him to
speak before a small house group on the Spanish refugees.
TERKEL accepted.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL:

[redacted] informed [redacted] that she had asked

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"STUDS" TERKEL to speak at a meeting on October 22, 1944 regarding various agencies and their way of presenting minority groups. Informant stated that TERKEL had agreed to talk.

X Conf. Info. [] stated that [], instructor at the School, contacted "STUDS" TERKEL, and made an appointment with him May 2, 1945. [] reported that on May 6, 1945 the Extension Department of the School held a meeting in the Ida B. Wells Community Center for the purpose of discussing "The negro citizen looks at the San Francisco Conference". Informant stated that "STUDS" TERKEL acted as moderator.

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[] informed that [] of the School, asked "STUDS" TERKEL to make a speech at the Highland Park American Legion on June 28, 1945. [] told informant he believes "STUDS" could handle this assignment.

Conf. Info. On June 25, 1945 [] informed that "STUDS" TERKEL had been trying to contact WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the School, but that PATTERSON was not in his office. (U)

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP:

Conf. Info. [] informed on May 18, 1945 that [] had attempted to obtain "STUDS" TERKEL to speak at a coming rally. However, informant stated that "STUDS" declined, stating that he was too busy at present. However, he informed [] that perhaps he could speak the next time. (U)

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CREDIT:

Special Agent J. J. KELLY obtained the following information from Hill's Reports, Inc., 209 West Jackson: LOUIS TERKEL, 1217 North Washtenaw Avenue, WPA worker, salary \$85.00 per month. Municipal Court record shows [] obtained a judgment of \$555.37 against LOUIS TERKEL of 1145 North Oakley Avenue on March 6, 1936. No banking listed.

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CRIMINAL:

A check of the records of the Chicago Police Department, 1121 South State Street, by Special Agent J. J. KELLY revealed the following information: LOUIS TERKEL (Communist, 1941) member of the Chicago Repertory group, took part in play "Man of Monticello", "Daily Worker", May 26, 1941; in the Army Feb., 1943.

This case is being closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 30, 1945

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL aka "Studs" Terkel
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Reference is made to the closing report of Special Agent [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, dated 8-20-45; the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York dated 1-13-34, and the report of Special Agent [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, dated January 13, 1934 -- the latter two having the character "Applicant - Student Fingerprint Classifier".

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It has been ascertained that LOUIS TERKEL in the report of Special Agent [redacted] is identical with the LOUIS TERKEL who applied to the Bureau as a Student Fingerprint Classifier in 1934, and is referred to in the above referenced reports of Agents [redacted] and [redacted].

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TITLE ① LOUIS TERKEL, with alias "Studs" Terkel			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LOUIS TERKEL resides 623 West Wrightwood Avenue; presently employed writing Sunday column for "Chicago Sun Times". TERKEL reportedly has been Master of Ceremonies at various functions from 1945 to 1949 sponsored by the American Youth For Democracy, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Civil Rights Congress and International Workers Order, which have been designated by the United States Attorney General as Communist organizations. TERKEL was elected to the Membership-At-Large Committee of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in 1948. Informants advised that TERKEL directed radio programs sponsored by the American-Jewish Congress in 1948 and 1949. Description set forth.

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DETAILS

Residence

On March 3, 1950, [Redacted] Telephone Lincoln 9-1866, was telephonically contacted under suitable pretext, and she advised [Redacted] "STUDS" TERKEL, presently resides at 623 West Wrightwood Avenue.

Employment

[Redacted] further advised that [Redacted] "STUDS" TERKEL

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had been employed as an actor in the stage play, "Detective Story", while it played in Chicago, and also on the road until its recent closing. She further advised that TERKEL is presently writing a Sunday column on disc records for the Chicago "Sun Times", where he commenced writing just a week or so ago.

[] stated that TERKEL is making arrangements to have a television program over the NBC network in the near future. She further advised that TERKEL is busy at the present time arranging for a sponsor.

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ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Communist Party

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T-1, of known reliability, on May 7, 1947, advised that "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to be Master of Ceremonies at the South Shore Club of the Communist Party Celebration to be held at Guch's Hall, 3234 East 92nd Street, on Saturday, May 24, 1947. The informant further advised that the members of the South Shore Communist Party Club were requested not to advertise the fact that TERKEL was going to be the Master of Ceremonies.

American Youth For Democracy

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T-2, of known reliability, on August 29, 1945 advised that he learned from [] of the American Youth For Democracy that she thought that the AYD could get "STUDS" TERKEL as Master of Ceremonies for the Second Anniversary Dance of the AYD to be held at a later date.

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The American Youth For Democracy was designated as a Communist organization by the United States Attorney General.

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T-3, of known reliability, on April 24, 1946 advised that he learned from [] of the AYD headquarters that "STUDS" TERKEL was going to be chairman of the first part of the program at the AYD banquet scheduled for May 4, 1946 at the Morrison Hotel.

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T-4, of known reliability, on April 26, 1946 advised that "STUDS" TERKEL was a sponsor of the Salute To World Youth banquet committee. According to informant, this committee was to arrange a banquet to show adults' appreciation in support of organized world youth and the need for cooperation between youth and adults, and was sponsored by the AYD.

SA [] on October 7, 1946 advised that he was a listener to the program over Station WJJD at 4:15 p.m. on October 6, 1946. Agent [] advised that "STUDS" TERKEL conducted this program, and in the course of this program interviewed and introduced [] of the AYD, Chicago.

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T-5, of known reliability, on October 22, 1946^(U) furnished a circular which was sent to AYD members which stated that the AYD was sponsoring their own radio broadcast on November 6, 1946. This circular pointed out that "STUDS" TERKEL, famous radio commentator, would conduct the program.

T-5 further advised on May 5, 1947^(U) that LOUIS "STUDS" TERKEL appeared on a program held at the membership meeting of the AYD at the DuSable Community Center, 62 East 49th Street, Chicago, Illinois, on Monday, April 21, 1947. The informant further advised that [redacted] of the AYD in Chicago, spoke and stressed the fact that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the people that the AYD was not an un-American youth organization. Informant further advised that [redacted] stated she was a member of the Communist Party, and that she was not ashamed of this fact.

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Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

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T-6, of known reliability, on August 8, 1945 advised that he had learned from [redacted] of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee that LOUIS "STUDS" TERKEL, radio writer and actor, had been the Master of Ceremonies at a program sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee held at the First Congregational Church, Madison, Wisconsin, on August 6, 1945. Informant further advised that [redacted] stated that TERKEL declared: "The war in Europe is not over as long as there is a bridgehead of Fascism from Madrid to Buenos Aires to Madison, Wisconsin." She further advised that TERKEL stated, "We must take our cue from the Potsdam Conference in which the Big Three declared they will not recognize Franco Spain but only a peoples Spain". The informant further advised that he learned from [redacted] that TERKEL asked the audience to contribute funds to aid the thousands of Spanish refugees waiting to return to Spain to oust Franco for a democratic regime.

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The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee was designated as a Communist organization by the United States Attorney General.

T-6 further advised on December 6, 1945 that^(U) "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to make the collection speech at the banquet honoring Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY, National Director of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, which was held December 8, 1945 at the Congress Hotel.

T-7, of known reliability, on December 6, 1945 advised that he learned from [redacted] of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee that she was going to contact "STUDS" TERKEL, 623 Wrightwood Avenue, for some information on [redacted]. [redacted] noted news commentator who was scheduled to be the principal speaker at the [redacted] dinner.^(U)

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[T-7 on January 11, 1946 further advised that he learned from [redacted] that "STUDS" TERKEL was going to lead the delegation to see Congressman RESA of Chicago, Illinois on January 12, 1946, protesting the action of the House Un-American Activities Committee who ordered that the JAFRC produce their records before that committee.]

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Civil Rights Congress

[T-8, of known reliability, on February 26, 1946 advised that "STUDS" TERKEL was Master of Ceremonies at the Festival For Freedom sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress which was held at the Civic Opera House on Sunday, February 24, 1946, to abolish the poll tax.]

The Civil Rights Congress was cited as a Communist organization by the United States Attorney General.

[T-9, an agency engaged in the collection of security information in the Chicago area, on January 3, 1950 advised that "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, was the Master of Ceremonies at a concert sponsored by the CRC at the Eighth Street Theater on February 12, 1948.]

The November 6, 1948 issue of the "Illinois Standard", Page 7, Columns 4 and 5, carried an article entitled, "What's doing?", which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, was scheduled to be the Master of Ceremonies at the Fun and Frolic Party sponsored by the 44th Ward Club of the CRC to be held November 6, 1948 at 2817 Cambridge Street.

[T-8 further advised that the "Illinois Standard" was the successor to the "Chicago Star", and commenced publication September 11, 1948 and ceased publication January 29, 1949. According to informant, the "Illinois Standard" had been dominated and controlled by the Communist Party, its educational policies having been dictated by the Communist Party and followed the Communist Party line.]

[T-10, of known reliability, on October 13, 1949 furnished a flyer concerning the Civil Rights Conference to end Jim Crow housing in Chicago being held October 15, 1949 at the YMCA Cafeteria, 19 South LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of this meeting was to plan a campaign against restrictive housing ordinances for non-segregated housing in Chicago. The flyer further reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL was cooperating with the Civil Rights Congress, and was listed among the co-sponsors of this meeting.]

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International Workers Order

[T-11, of known reliability, on May 16, 1946 advised that LOUISE THOMPSON, Executive Secretary of the DuSable Lodge, International Workers Order, stated that "STUDS" TERKEL would be Master of Ceremonies at the Council meeting to be held at the Parkway Community Center on May 24, 1946.]

The International Workers Order was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General.

[T-8 on November 11, 1946 furnished a pamphlet which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL was a sponsor of the DuSable Community Center, Chicago, which organization was sponsored by the DuSable Lodge of the IWO.]

[T-8 on May 5, 1949 further advised that the DuSable Community Center, Chicago, Illinois, was a corporation whose shareholders are comprised of trade unions and left wing organizations in the Chicago area. Informant further advised that the Communist Party actually controls the DuSable Community Center.]

[T-12, of known reliability, on January 28, 1949 furnished a printed invitation to the farewell testimonial dinner for LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON on Saturday, February 6, 1949, at the DuSable Community Center Ballroom, 4958 South Wabash Avenue. The invitation also sets out that "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, would be among the scheduled speakers.]

It is to be noted that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON is the wife of WILLIAM PATTERSON, who until recently was Vice Chairman of the Communist Party, District 8, and was appointed chairman of the Civil Rights Congress with headquarters in New York City.

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

[T-13, of known reliability, on June 13, 1946 advised that he learned from WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Vice Chairman of the Communist Party, District 8, that "STUDS" TERKEL was not up to par with the talk that he gave at the Independent Citizens Committee of the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions held June 12, 1946 at the Stevens Hotel.]

[T-14 on June 28, 1949 advised that the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions is the Chicago Division of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and

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Professions has been designated as a Communist organization by the Attorney General.

[T-15, of known reliability, in September, 1948 advised that "STUDS" TERKEL was unanimously elected to the Membership-At-Large Committee of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions at its organizational meeting held at the Woodrow Wilson Room, 84 East Randolph Street, on January 16 and 17, 1948.

[T-15 further advised in September, 1948 that "STUDS" TERKEL was elected to the Program and Resolutions Committee of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions at the organizational meeting held January 16 and 17, 1948.

The June 28, 1948 issue of the "Daily Worker", Page 11, Column 3, carries an article entitled, "Art Science Group To Ask Truman To Aid Anti-Fascists", which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, was among the signers of a petition for presidential clemency for the eleven members of the Board of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. The article further reflects that the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions was the sponsor of this petition.

It is to be noted that the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

[T-16, of known reliability, on March 17, 1949 furnished a copy of the program of the Cultural and Scientific Conference For World Peace held at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, under the auspices of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on March 25, 26 and 27, 1949. This program reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL was listed as being one of the sponsors for this conference.

[T-9 further advised that "STUDS" TERKEL attended a meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions held at the Civic Opera House on April 6, 1949.

[T-9 on May 7, 1949 further advised that "STUDS" TERKEL, radio announcer, was listed among the sponsors of the Chicago Meeting on World Peace sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the Arts, Sciences and Professions held at the Civic Opera House on April 6, 1949.

American-Jewish Congress

[T-9 further advised that "STUDS" TERKEL wrote the radio script, "The People Speak Out On Israel", sponsored by the American-Jewish Congress, over Station

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WJJD on November 21, 1948.

It is to be noted that the American-Jewish Congress was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General.

[T-17, of known reliability, on February 23, 1949] furnished a flyer announcing a Town Hall Meeting sponsored by the American-Jewish Congress at the Palmer House, State and Monroe Streets, on Tuesday evening, February 22, 1949. This flyer further reflected that by special request Station WJJD would re-broadcast, "Cry, Our Beloved City", an original production by "STUDS" TERKEL, on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., February 27, 1949. The flyer further reflected that this program originally was presented on January 30, 1949, and that it presents to radio listeners a series of firsthand experiences with discrimination, Chicago style.

Abraham Lincoln School

[T-18, of known reliability, on September 28, 1945 advised that he learned from WILLIAM PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, that he had talked to "STUDS" TERKEL regarding the Gary and Englewood grade and high school strike against negro students. PATTERSON further advised that the strike had spread to the Tilden and Morgan Park Schools. PATTERSON stated further that "STUDS" TERKEL had hit the Gary strike on his last program. Informant further advised that PATTERSON stated that TERKEL believed an open letter to the 200 students at Englewood was in order, and that the topic should be on racism.

The Abraham Lincoln School was cited as a Communist organization by the United States Attorney General.

T-19, of known reliability, on April 22, 1947 advised that he learned from WALTER NEFF, Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, that he wanted "STUDS" TERKEL to make the collection speech at the Paul Robeson Rally sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln School on April 27, 1947 at the Civic Opera House in Chicago, Illinois.

[T-20, of known reliability, on April 30, 1947 advised] that "STUDS" TERKEL was the narrator who related the incidents in ROBESON's life in the course of the program at the "Salute To Paul Robeson" sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln School, 180 West Washington Street, at the Civic Opera House, Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, April 27, 1947. The informant further advised that TERKEL stated

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during the narration that "Paul Robeson is a product of all the people fighting for freedom, for justice for all".

Progressive Citizens of America

[T-13 on June 13, 1946 further advised that he learned from WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, that "STUDS" TERKEL was one of the principal speakers at a meeting of the Progressive Citizens of America held at the Stevens Hotel on June 13, 1946.

[T-8 further] advised that the Progressive Citizens of America was a Communist front organization. The informant further advised that he knows that certain known members of the Communist Party in Chicago have been assigned to work exclusively on PCA and Third Party recruiting and campaign activities and are being paid for their work by other organizations. Informant stated that their assignments, however, are given by the Communist Party.

The May 15, 1947 issue of the Chicago daily "Tribune" contained an article pertaining to the appearance of HENRY A. WALLACE at the Chicago Stadium on May 14, 1947 under the auspices of the Progressive Citizens of America. The article further related that when HENRY WALLACE entered the hall, LOUIS "STUDS" TERKEL, the Master of Ceremonies, used the public address system to set up the chant of "Wallace in '48", and whenever the noise showed signs of subsiding, TERKEL took it up again. It is to be noted that HENRY A. WALLACE was a candidate for president of the United States on the Progressive Party ticket in 1948.

The September 20, 1947 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 12, Column 1, carries an article announcing the Fifth Ward PCA Party scheduled for September 27, 1947 at 5649 South Blackstone Avenue, which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to participate in the entertainment program.

[T-8 further] advised that the "Chicago Star", 166 West Washington Street, Chicago, was a weekly newspaper dominated and controlled by the Communist Party, which newspaper operated in Chicago from July 4, 1946 to September 4, 1948. According to informant, the top functionaries of the Communist Party dictated and controlled the editorial policies, subscription drives and organizational setup of the "Chicago Star".

[T-21, of known reliability, on March 21, 1947] advised that "STUDS" TERKEL was present at a party of the PCA held at the home of [redacted] on March 8, 1947.

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[T-22, of known reliability] furnished a mimeographed invitation to a party of the Fifth Ward Club, PCA, scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 1947, at the home of [redacted] This invitation further informed that "STUDS" TERKEL was listed as a speaker on the program.

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[T-21 on October 16, 1947 further] advised that the Arts, Sciences and Professions Division of the Progressive Citizens of America held a meeting at the PCA headquarters, 112 East Chestnut Street, on October 14, 1947. The informant further stated that during the meeting "STUDS" TERKEL, who was not present, was placed on the planning committee for the Arts Ball scheduled to be held at a later date.

The March 20, 1948 issue of the "Chicago Star", Column 2, Page 12, carried an article entitled, "44th Ward PCA to Protest UMT", which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL, a disc jockey, was scheduled to be a speaker at the community protest rally sponsored by the 44th Ward Club of the PCA to be held March 30, 1948 at the Alcott School, 2625 North Orchard Street. The article further reflected the rally was scheduled because of the growing opposition to passage of the compulsory, universal military training bill.

On March 28, 1948 SA GARNET T. TUNSTALL furnished a leaflet entitled, "Devil-men Working For War", which was left at his residence, 2636 North Orchard Street, Chicago, Illinois. This leaflet announced a community protest rally sponsored by the 44th Ward of the PCA Club to be held at the Alcott School, 2625 North Orchard Place on March 30, 1948 at 8:00 p.m. This rally was to be held to protest universal military training and the drafting of eighteen year old youngsters. The leaflet further informed that "STUDS" TERKEL would be the Master of Ceremonies at this meeting.

Progressive Party

[T-23, of known reliability, on May 28, 1948] advised that "STUDS" TERKEL attended a Progressive Party meeting held at the Viking Temple, School and Sheffield Streets, on Thursday evening, May 27, 1948.

[T-8 has periodically advised] that the Communist Party really controls the Progressive Party in Illinois, but does not want this known because the Progressive Party would lose its value to the Communist Party.

The June 12, 1948 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 5, Columns 1 and 2, carries an article reflecting that "STUDS" TERKEL would be the speaker at a meeting of the Progressive Party at the Masonic Temple, Chicago, on June 15, 1948.

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[T-24, of known reliability, on July 14, 1948] furnished a handbill announcing a Progressive Party of Illinois meeting for June 22, 1948 at the Carleton Hotel, Oak Park, Illinois, which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to appear as an attraction at this meeting.

The August 7, 1948 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 4, Columns 1 and 2, reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL, disc jockey, was scheduled to entertain those present at the 46th Ward Progressive Party "shindig" scheduled for Friday evening, August 6, 1948 at the Belmont Hotel.

The August 14, 1948 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 3, Columns 3, 4 and 5, carried an article relating that "STUDS" TERKEL, Chicago radio commentator, was to be the Master of Ceremonies during the Progressive Party Day activities at the Illinois State Fair which was scheduled to be held at Springfield, Illinois on August 14, 1948.

[T-9 advised] that the open air meeting sponsored by the Fourth Ward Club of the Progressive Party, held at 46th Place and South Parkway on September 3, 1948, was called to order by "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator and entertainer. The informant further advised that the main topic of the meeting concerned the Progressive Party's demand for a place on the ballot in Illinois.

[T-9 advised] that "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, introduced the chairman of the evening, Mr. RICHARD WATT, Progressive Party attorney and former Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, at the HENRY A. WALLACE Rally sponsored by the Progressive Party held at Wrigley Field, Chicago, on September 14, 1948.

[T-9 advised] that "STUDS" TERKEL attended the Progressive Party Rally For Peace held at the Chicago Coliseum on April 29, 1949.

T-8 on February 27, 1950 advised that he has met "STUDS" TERKEL on several occasions, the dates of which he cannot recall, at Progressive Party functions in Chicago.

Midwest Committee For Protection Of Foreign Born

On January 10, 1948, "STUDS" TERKEL, a Chicago radio announcer, was observed by SA CHARLES W. GRUBB to be presiding over the Salute to Paul Robeson meeting sponsored by the Midwest Committee For Protection of Foreign Born held at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 1938 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana.

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[T-10 on May 27, 1948] advised that the Midwest Committee For Protection of Foreign Born is the midwest organization of the American Committee For Protection Of Foreign Born.

The American Committee For Protection Of Foreign Born has been designated as a Communist organization by the United States Attorney General.

Independent Voters of Illinois (IVI)

[T-14] (U) furnished a pamphlet entitled, "IVI For Political Action Among Independent Voters", which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL conducted a radio program sponsored by the IVI over Station WCFL in 1944 and 1945. It further advised that "STUDS" TURKEL gave voice to the aims and objectives of the IVI. The pamphlet further reflected that LOUIS "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, was a governing member of the Independent Voters of Illinois.

T-25, of known reliability, advised during 1948 that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that approximately ten per cent of the members of the IVI were Communists. This informant also advised that the Communist Political Association was making efforts at this time to gain control of the IVI. (U)

[T-26, of known reliability, on September 13, 1945 advised that he had learned from PHIL BART, Secretary, District 8, Communist Political Association, that he had informed GIL GREEN, Chairman, District 8, Communist Political Association, that BART believed that "STUDS" TERKEL had done commendable work in the IVI association. BART further advised the informant that the IVI was engaging more and more in community organizations. (U)

[T-1 on October 25, 1945] furnished an announcement of the Second Public Forum of the Seventh Ward of IVI held at the O'Keefe Public School, 70th Street

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and Clyde Avenue, on October 17, 1945. This announcement reflected the name of "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, who was listed among the speakers for the Forum.

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[T-20 on November 16, 1945] furnished an article distributed at the IVI meeting held at the Hyde Park High School, Chicago, Illinois, on November 16, 1945 which dealt with the atomic bomb. This article entitled, "~~A Bomb Fell On Chicago~~", was a copy of a radio broadcast directed by "STUDS" TERKEL for the IVI on Friday, September 12, 1945, on Radio Station WCFL.

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[T-20 further] advised that "STUDS" TERKEL was the commentator on a radio broadcast for the IVI over Station WCFL entitled, "A Bomb Fell On Chicago", and in this commentary TERKEL disparaged the idea of atomic bomb secrecy and indicated the effect of a possible atomic bomb attack on Chicago and elsewhere.

[T-27, of known reliability, on April 26, 1946 advised that he learned from of the American Youth For Democracy, that "STUDS" TERKEL was going to be at the IVI meeting at Summer's Hall on April 29, 1946.] (U)

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A review of the April, 1946 issue of "The Bell Ringer", published by the IVI, Page 3, Column 1, reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL's broadcasts over Station WCFL on Friday evenings had been acclaimed one of the top public service programs of the nation.

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[T-14 furnished] a postcard dated October 19, 1946 announcing nine radio broadcasts mainly sponsored by the IVI under the direction of "STUDS" TERKEL on Station WMAQ. The informant further advised that "STUDS" TERKEL would do the commentary and the interviewing of various people who appeared on this program in the latter part of October and the beginning of November, 1946.

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[T-14 furnished] a leaflet distributed by the IVI late in 1946 entitled, "Emergency Appeal, Keep Studs Terkel on The Air For IVI", which reflected that the IVI was in need of money to keep "STUDS" TERKEL on the air, and appealed for contributions to continue TERKEL's program. The leaflet further informed that TERKEL broadcasted every Friday evening at 9:15 p.m. over Station WCFL. The leaflet was an open appeal signed by ~~LEO LERNER~~, Chairman of the IVI.

The April 26, 1947 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 3, Columns 4 and 5, carried an article, "IVI Leaders Hit Vote Coup", which reflected that undemocratic procedures of a small clique in the top leadership of the IVI

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in Illinois were scored following an election of directors, which was described as a coup. The article further stated that "STUDS" TERKEL, a former director, resigned from the organization charging irregularities in the election procedure. It goes on to state that ward organizations of the IVI were incensed over the election which ousted seven directors who were considered leftists.

"Chicago Star"

T-28, of known reliability, on March 12, 1946 advised that he learned from [redacted] of the Communist Party Headquarters that he had suggested "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, for the Editorial Board of the new paper, "Chicago Star". T-28 stated in January, 1947 that [redacted] was [redacted] of the "Chicago Star". (U)

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T-28 on March 22, 1946 advised that he learned from GIL GREEN, Chairman of the Communist Party, District #8, that the services of "STUDS" TERKEL should be utilized in the fund-raising drive for the publication of the "Chicago Star". (U)

The September 21, 1946 issue of the "Chicago Star", Pages 8 and 9, center column, carries a poem entitled, "Home Of The Brave", written by "STUDS" TERKEL, popular radio commentator. This poem described the brutal beating given LUCIAN HOPKINS, a negro veteran, by deputies of the Sheriff's Office, Madison County, Alton City, Illinois. This poem further reflects the discrimination and the hate against the negroes and calls for an end to this discrimination, which TERKEL states will never end until the weed of race hate is uprooted.

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[T-8 on June 9, 1946 furnished] a copy of a "Chicago Star" bulletin for June 8, 1946 which carried an article reflecting that "STUDS" TERKEL, top-flight radio star, was to be Master of Ceremonies at the Star Klub party June 29, 1946 at the Hamilton Hotel, 20 South Dearborn Avenue. This article further reflected that the Star Klub, Chicago's own anti-Fascist night spot, would be open only to "Chicago Star" twenty-five pointers, said points being obtained by selling subscriptions to the "Chicago Star".

The July 3, 1948 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 3, Column 1, carried an article captioned, "We'll See You At The Star Picnic", which reflected that Radioman "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to be Master of Ceremonies at the "Chicago Star" picnic to be held at Justice Park Grove, Justice, Illinois, on July 4, 1948.

Miscellaneous

The "Chicago Star" of March 8, 1947, Page 12, Columns 4 and 5, carried an article entitled, "Our Town", which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL, well-

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known local progressive radio commentator, was serving as an adviser to a city-wide committee sponsored by the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee to combat reactionary radio broadcasts.

[T-8 on March 25, 1948] ^(U) advised that the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee until recently was dominated in all its activities by the leaders of the Communist Party, USA, District 8. The informant stated that during the past six months, the Communist Party, District 8, had directed its attention to the Civil Rights Congress and had used it in the same manner in which the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee formerly was used.

[T-29, of known reliability, on March 19, 1948] ^(U) advised that LOUIS TERKEL, Chicago, subscribed on November 10, 1947 to the "USSR Information Bulletin" published by the Russian Embassy at Washington, D. C.

[T-14 advised on February 24, 1950] ^(U) that "STUDS" TERKEL had been employed by various radio stations in Chicago. Informant stated that TERKEL had been employed by WMOR - FM until a few months ago. The informant stated that TERKEL is a leftist, a radical and an opportunist. The informant further advised that it is his belief that TERKEL is Communistically inclined, but mainly for a monetary purpose.

[T-8 on February 27, 1950 advised that he] ^(U) could furnish no further information regarding subject's present activities.

[T-1 on March 13, 1950 advised that he] ^(U) could furnish no further information regarding subject's present activities.

[T-30,] ^(U) of unknown reliability, who is employed in a responsible position, on March 13, 1950 advised that he has known "STUDS" TERKEL since 1943. Informant further advised that he knew TERKEL while stationed at Greensboro, North Carolina in the Army Air Force in 1943, and that during this time he knew nothing derogatory concerning the subject. Informant further advised that he returned to Chicago in 1946 and heard TERKEL broadcasting for the IVI, which broadcast reflected that TERKEL was sympathetic to left wing movement and pro-Russian. Informant further advised that it is his belief that the subject is not a Communist, although TERKEL has Communist tendencies. The informant further stated that TERKEL received no Communist literature while stationed in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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Information Pertaining To Subject [REDACTED]

T-31, of known reliability, in January, 1946, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] attended Communist Party meetings held at the home
of [REDACTED] on Thursday, December 6,
1945 and January 3, 1946. ~~(U)~~

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T-32, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker", whose subscription would
expire January 14, 1950. ~~(U)~~

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DESCRIPTION

The following description of subject was obtained from records at Selective
Service Headquarters, 523 South Plymouth Court, made available by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on March 7, 1950, and pretext telephone call to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Name	LOUIS TERKEL, with alias "STUDS" TERKEL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	May 16, 1912
Place of Birth	New York City, New York
Residence	623 West Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Height	5 feet, 7 inches
Weight	147 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel
Marital Status	[REDACTED]
Complexion	Dark
Social Security No.	360-09-0774
Army Serial No.	36373099
Immediate Relatives	[REDACTED]

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On November 8, 1949 a telephone call was received by SA [redacted] from a person identifying himself as [redacted] but whose voice was recognized by SA [redacted] as that of [redacted] Chicago Civil Liberties Committee. This person reported that "STUDS" TERKEL was taking part in the stage play, "Detective Story", which was playing at the Blackstone Theater, Chicago. The informant went on to say that "Detective Story" was an anti-Communist play.

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Special Employee [redacted] caused a check to be made at the Bureau of Criminal Information and Statistics, Chicago Police Department, January 3, 1950.

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- T-1 - [] who furnished this information to SA JOHN F. GLENVILLE on March 13, 1950 and May 7, 1947, and to SA [] on October 25, 1945.
- T-2 - [] who furnished this information to Special Employee [] on August 29, 1945.
- T-3 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on April 24, 1946.
- T-4 - An anonymous source.
- T-5 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on October 22, 1946, and to SA [] on May 5, 1947.
- T-6 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on August 8, 1945 and December 6, 1945.
- T-7 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on December 6, 1945, and to an unknown source of the Chicago Office on January 11, 1946.
- T-8 - [] who furnished this information to SA HERBERT C. POHLMANN on February 26, 1946; November 11, 1946; February 27, 1950 and May 5, 1949.
- T-9 - [] who furnished this information by report to the Chicago Office and to Special Employee [] on January 3, 1950.
- T-10 - [] who furnished this information to SA CARL N. FREYMAN on May 27, 1948 and October 13, 1949.
- T-11 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on May 16, 1946.
- T-12 - A trash cover [] by SAS CARL N. FREYMAN and [] on January 28, 1949.
- T-13 - [] who furnished this information to Special Employee [] on June 13, 1946.

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- T-14 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on June 28, 1949, and to SA [] on February 24, 1950.
- T-15 - Trash cover on [] Pennsylvania, as set forth in Philadelphia letter to Bureau dated September 16, 1948 in the case entitled, "PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA, INTERNAL SECURITY - C".
- T-16 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on March 17, 1949, (deemed advisable).
- T-17 - [] who furnished this information to SAS CARL N. FREYMAN and [] on February 23, 1949.
- T-18 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on September 28, 1945.
- T-19 - [] who furnished this information to SA JOHN E. GALLAGHER on April 22, 1947.
- T-20 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on November 16, 1945, and to SA [] on April 30, 1947.
- T-21 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on March 21, 1947, and to SA [] on October 16, 1947.
- T-22 - Blind post office box conducted by the Chicago Office under the name of []
- T-23 - [] who furnished this information to SA JOSEPH P. MC MAHON on May 28, 1948.
- T-24 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on July 14, 1948.
- T-25 - [] who furnished this information to SA JOHN G. GROVES during 1945.
- T-26 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on September 13, 1945.

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T-28 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] on March 12, 1946; to SA [] on March 22, 1946, and to SA [] in January, 1947.

T-29 - Confidential Informant Z as reflected in Washington Field Office letter to Chicago dated March 19, 1948, entitled, "SODAC, WASHINGTON, D.C., INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

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T-31 - [] who furnished this information to the Chicago Office via the United States mail in January, 1946.

T-32 - [] who furnished this information to SA [] in October, 1949.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [] dated August 20, 1945 at Chicago, Illinois.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 4, 1950

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, WA., "STUDS" TERKEL
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DATE 06-21-2005 BY AUC 60309

X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the
above captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME LOUIS TERKEL

ALIASES "STUDS" TERKEL

RACE White SEX Male NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

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DATE OF BIRTH 5/16/12 PLACE OF BIRTH New York, New York

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 623 W. Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, Illinois

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

LOUIS TERKEL EMPLOYED BY
Chicago "Sun-Times", Chicago, Illinois

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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PER F.O.I.A. REQUEST

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SAC, Chicago

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 5/18/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/5/50	REPORT MADE BY RFB:CR
TITLE LOUIS TERKEL, wa "Studs" Terkel			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
DECLASSIFIED BY AUC 60309 TAM/MLT/JW ON 06-21-2005			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LOUIS TERKEL resides 623 West Wrightwood Avenue; conducts television program over station WNBQ - NBC, Chicago, on Tuesday evening. LOUIS TERKEL was born 5/16/12 at New York City, New York. Identification record of LOUIS TERKEL, FBI number 408973A, set forth. "STUDS" TERKEL reportedly a member of the Musicians Club, Communist Party, District No. 8, in 1948. TERKEL was toastmaster at PEARL HART 60th birthday testimonial dinner under the auspices of the Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, April 8, 1950.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

AGENCY ICC-62
REQ. REC'D 12-29-52
REP'T FORW. 1-22-53
BY RNR/cv

On May 5, 1950 [redacted] telephone Lincoln 9-1866, was telephonically contacted under suitable pretext and she advised that [redacted] "STUDS" TERKEL presently resided at 623 West Wrightwood Avenue.

Occupation

On April 19, 1950 Special Agent [redacted] advised that he witnessed a television program entitled,

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PER F.O.I.P.A. REQUEST

APPROVED AND FORWARDED R. M. [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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"Studs Place" conducted by LOUIS "STUDS" TERKEL over station WNBQ - NBC on Tuesday evening, April 18, 1950 at 7:00 a.m. Special Agent [] related that TERKEL announced that his program would be a weekly presentation over the same network at the same hour. Special Agent [] stated that "Studs Place" had no sponsor and that it was his belief that the program conducted by TERKEL was an NBC sustaining program.

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Citizenship Data

Records of Local Draft Board no. 9, 1525 East 53rd Street, in June, 1945, reflected that LOUIS TERKEL, 623 West Wrightwood Avenue, was born in New York City, New York on May 16, 1912. Records further reflect that the subject's mother was ANNIE TERKEL.

Identification Record

The following is the Identification Record of LOUIS TERKEL, FBI number 408973A, dated April 18, 1950.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	LOUIS TERKEL #36373099	9-17-42 Chicago, Ill.		
USCG, San Pedro, California	LOUIS TERKEL #-	permanent ident. 11704547 11-30-43		

II. ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Communist Party

[Chicago T-1, of known reliability, in April, 1950 advised that he] was acquainted with "STUDS" TERKEL, a Chicago disc jockey, and knew TERKEL to be a member of the Musicians Club, Communist Party, District No. 8, but who was in poor standing in about 1948.

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Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born

Chicago T-2, an agency engaged in the collection of security information in the Chicago area, on April 11, 1950 advised that ~~"STUDS"~~ TERKEL, radio and television commentator, was toastmaster at the PEARL HART 60th birthday testimonial dinner under the auspices of the Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born held Saturday evening, April 8, 1950 at the Walnut Room, Bismarck Hotel, Randolph and LaSalle Streets, Chicago. The informant advised that TERKEL paid tribute to PEARL HART's great work in opposition to the witch hunts that exist in this country today and stated further "thank God for PEARL and people like her." The informant stated that TERKEL explained that pledge cards would be distributed for contributions to aid a Pearl Hart Fund in assisting the foreign born and advised that the money would be used to prepare and publish literature which would help their cause.

Chicago T-3, of known reliability, on January 16, 1947 advised that he learned from ~~GIL GREEN~~, Chairman of the Communist Party, District No. 8, that PEARL HART was in agreement with the principles of the Communist Party and so she would be treated with respect even when she disagrees, however, GREEN told the informant that if ~~PEARL HART~~ should come into the Communist Party she would not have that freedom. ~~C~~ (U)

Chicago T-4, of known reliability, on January 31, 1950 advised that PEARL HART was unanimously re-elected as chairman of the Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born at a council meeting of that organization held January 23, 1950. ~~C~~ (U)

Chicago T-5, of known reliability, on May 27, 1948 ~~T~~ (U) advised that the Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born is the midwest organization of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has been designated as a Communist organization by the United States Attorney General.

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Special Agent [] reviewed the Selective Service record of the subject at Local Draft Board No. 9, 1525 East 53rd Street, in June, 1945, the exact date being unknown to this office.

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The names of the Special Agents of the New York Office who received the information furnished by [] are unknown to the Chicago office.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City, New York. Will verify the birth of LOUIS TERKEL at
New York City on May 16, 1912.

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INFORMANT PAGE

CHICAGO T-1:

[redacted]
[redacted] who furnished this information to the
New York Office in April, 1950.

CHICAGO T-2:

The Industrial Detail of the Chicago Police Department who
furnished this information by a written report to the
Chicago Office on April 11, 1950.

CHICAGO T-3:

[redacted] who furnished the information to Special Agent
JOHN D. RIORDAN on January 16, 1947.

CHICAGO T-4:

A trash cover maintained on [redacted] by Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] on January 31, 1950 through the co-operation of
[redacted]

CHICAGO T-5:

[redacted] who furnished this information to Special Agent
CARL N. FREYMAN on May 27, 1948.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 3, 1950
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 28, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-196190)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Reference is made to the report of SA [] dated May 18, 1950, at Chicago, requesting that the New York Division verify the subject's birth, May 16, 1912, at New York City.

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A review of the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for New York and Queens Counties by SE [] on June 15, 1950, failed to reflect any record of the subject.

No record of the subject's birth could be located at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Kings County, New York, as reviewed by SE [] on June 19, 1950.

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No record of the subject's birth could be located at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Bronx County, New York, as reviewed by SE [] on June 20, 1950.

No record of the subject's birth could be located at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Staten Island, New York, as reviewed by SA [] on July 7, 1950.

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The files of the New York Division reflected the following information which does not appear to be in the possession of the office of origin:

On March 28, 1949, Confidential Informant [] furnished information which reflected that STUDES TURKEL was a sponsor of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, under the auspices of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

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On June 22, 1948, Confidential Informant [] furnished a booklet entitled, "Policy and Program, 1948 National Arts, Sciences and Professions Council". This booklet reflected that STUDES TURKEL was a member-at-large.

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The "Wisconsin State Journal", Madison, Wisconsin daily newspaper, carried an article August 6, 1945, stating that LOUIS TERKEL had spoken at a program sponsored as part of the Spanish Republican Refugees Benefit held August 5, 1945, at Madison, Wisconsin.

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Letter to Director
NY 100-98566

The above newspaper quoted the subject as stating "our leaders at Potsdam have given us the signal to wreck Franco Spain by encouraging resistance among the Spanish people and caring for Spanish Republican Refugees".

The name "TERKLE" appeared in a notebook belonging to [redacted]

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[redacted] This information was received from a highly confidential source not further identified in the report of SA PATRICK D. HORGAN dated January 27, 1944, at Los Angeles, entitled, "COMINTERN APPARATUS, INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

Inasmuch as there remains no further investigation for the New York Division, this matter is being considered RUC.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Unable to verify the birth of
LOUIS TERKEL on May 16, 1912
at New York City, New York.

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DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

A review of the records of the Bureau of Vital
Statistics for New York, Queens, Kings, Bronx and
Staten Island Counties, New York, New York, failed
to reflect any record of birth of LOUIS TERKEL on
May 16, 1912 at New York City, New York.

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SE [] reviewed the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Kings County, New York on June 19, 1950.

SE [] reviewed the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Bronx County, New York on June 20, 1950.

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SA [] reviewed the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Staten Island, New York on July 7, 1950.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [] dated 4/3/50 at Chicago
Report of SA [] dated 5/18/50 at Chicago
New York letter to Bureau dated July 28, 1950 /2

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 16, 1951

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Entertainer; has
own radio program, "Studs Place", 9:30 PM Friday on ABC's radio and television station

WENR-TV, Civic Opera Building, 20 N. Wacker Drive, and is paid by ABC. Contributes
weekly musical column to Chicago "Sun Times".

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 17, 1951

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

DATE: January 5, 1952

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ 545 West Aldine Ave.,

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

DATE: September 5, 1952

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)

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PLACE OF BIRTH _____			
BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) <u>American Broadcasting Company, Has Disk Jockey show on AM Station WENR called "Voice of the Terkel",</u> <u>20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois</u>			
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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-44839)

SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, wa. Studs Terkel
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DATE: 4/8/53

ReBulet dated 1/18/52, captioned, "Communist Party, USA,
District 13, Los Angeles Division, IS - C."

OWEN VINSON, a former Radio Program Director, testified before a public session of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) at Los Angeles, California, on 10/2/52. VINSON's testimony revealed that he became a Communist Party member in Chicago, Illinois, in 1943. He remained a member in Chicago until 1945, at which time he moved to Los Angeles. In the fall of 1945, he was assigned to a radio group in Hollywood and was active in this group until he defected in the latter part of 1947 or the early part of 1948. During the course of his testimony, VINSON identified twenty-seven individuals as having been active in the Communist movement, basing his identification on either attending meetings with the individual or collecting dues from the individuals named. VINSON testified that LOUIS TERKEL asked him to join the Communist Party in Chicago. VINSON described TERKEL as an Actor-writer and Disc Jockey. In his testimony, VINSON also stated that based on his conversation with TERKEL in 1947, it is his belief that TERKEL is now out of the Party. This information is maintained in Los Angeles File 62-1664-1B10-2, Pages 65 and 68.

The following is quoted from referenced Bureau letter so that the Chicago Office will be apprised of the Bureau's instructions with regard to individuals named in VINSON's testimony:

" advise the Bureau of each case in which an individual identified has been the subject of an investigation by your office. The status of each investigation, as well as the status of the particular subject in the Security Index should be indicated."

"If an individual is identified before the HCUA as having been active in the Communist movement, but has not been the subject of an investigation by your office, you should review your indices and initiate those investigations which are warranted."

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"In addition, in those instances where an investigation has been conducted, but a Security Index card has not been recommended, you should thoroughly review each case and ascertain whether a Security Index card is warranted for any of the subjects. In the event that you do not consider this action appropriate, you are instructed to submit your recommendation for an interview with each of these persons in accordance with the provisions of No Number, SAC Letter dated 6/11/51.

" the appropriate office now covering the residence of the subject should be advised of the nature of the testimony and the Bureau's instructions."

Files of the Los Angeles Office reflect only the following information identifiable with the subject, which is contained in undocumented reports also received by the Chicago Office:

"LOUIS, 'Studs', TERKEL, is identified as a communist in the reports of SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY dated 11/3/47, and in the report of SA E. BRUCE RYDER dated 12/16/47, at Los Angeles, which reports are captioned, "Communist Infiltration into the Radio Industry, IS-C."

"STUDS" TERKEL is mentioned on Pages 147, 149, and 184 in the report of SA [redacted] dated 1/18/49, at New York entitled, "Progressive Party, IS - C" as a member of the Organizing Committee of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, which met on 1/16-17/48.

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Inasmuch as the subject is apparently a resident of Chicago, this case is being considered RUC to the Chicago Office.

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KWK/TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

DATE: June 5, 1953

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)

SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, was.
SECURITY MATTER - CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Re Los Angeles letter to Director dated April 8, 1953.
Rebulet dated January 18, 1952 captioned "COMMUNIST
PARTY, USA, DISTRICT 13, LOS ANGELES DIVISION, IS - C".In referenced Los Angeles letter, information was set
out that OWEN VINSON, while testifying before a public
session of House Committee on Un-American Activities
at Los Angeles, California, on October 2, 1952, identified
the subject as having been active in the Communist
movement in Chicago, Illinois.According to instructions in referenced letters, the
office of origin is to furnish the status of each case
on any individual identified by VINSON.The subject is included on the Security Index in the
Chicago Office, and is tabbed both for Detcom and
Comsab. Instant case is presently in a pending status
and is in line for a summary report.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

DATE: October 9, 1953

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)

SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, wa.,
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Add: T-V Show on Sat. called Warehouse T-V, ABC - 20 North Wacker Drive

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TITLE LOUIS TERKEL, wa "Studs" Terkel			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

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SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

PHIL BART, former Secretary of District #8, Communist Political Association, told informant in 1945, that "STUDS" TERKEL was one of several very influential persons in Chicago who could not help the CPA very much because they did not want it known that they were CPA members. Informants advised TERKEL was master of ceremonies of Communist Party meeting in 1947; former member of Musicians Club of Communist Party, Chicago, in 1940's, but in poor standing in 1948. OWEN VINCENT stated before House Committee on Un-American Activities, Los Angeles, Calif., on 10/2/52 that TERKEL recruited him into the CP. TERKEL was active in the following CP front groups as a member, master of ceremonies, or entertainer: Abraham Lincoln School, 1944, 1945, 1947; American Youth for Democracy, 1945, 1946, 1947; Civil Rights Congress, 1946, 1948, 1949; Independent Voters of Illinois, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947; International Workers Order, 1946, 1949; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, 1945, 1946; Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 1948, 1950; Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship, 1945; Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953; Progressive Citizens of America, 1946, 1947, 1948; Progressive Party of Illinois, 1948, 1949, 1951, 1952. Informants advised TERKEL active in affairs of "Chicago Star", 1946, and Modern Book Store, 1948. Informants advised TERKEL subscriber to USSR Information Bulletin, 1947.

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SECURITY INFORMATION

CG # 100-17848

I. BACKGROUND

Birth:

The records of T-1, a reliable and confidential source, reflected in 1945 that LOUIS TERKEL was born May 16, 1912, at New York City.

A review of the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for New York and Queens County, New York, as caused by SE [redacted] on June 15, 1950, failed to reflect any record of the birth of TERKEL.

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A review of the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for Kings County, New York, as caused by SE [redacted] on June 19, 1950, failed to reflect any record of the birth of TERKEL.

A review of the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for Bronx County, New York, as caused by SE [redacted] on June 20, 1950, failed to reflect any record of the birth of TERKEL.

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A review of the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for Staten Island, New York, as caused by SE [redacted] on July 7, 1950, failed to reflect any record of the birth of TERKEL.

Present Employment:

T-2, of known reliability, advised on October 5, 1953, that TERKEL is presently a Disc-Jockey on a radio show on Radio Station WENR, ABC, 20 Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois. The informant further advised that TERKEL has a Saturday television show entitled "Warehouse TV" on the same station.

Former Employment:

T-3, of known reliability, advised in June, 1945, that TERKEL was then employed as a news commentator over Chicago Radio Station WENR and was a weekly commentator for the Independent Voters of Illinois, Incorporated.

T-4, of known reliability, advised in 1948 that [redacted] had stated that approximately ten per cent of the members of the Independent Voters of Illinois were Communists.

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The informant also advised that the Communist Political Association was making efforts to gain control of the Independent Voters of Illinois.

The Communist Political Association has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The May 6, 1946, addition of the "Chicago Sun", a former Chicago daily newspaper, now called the "Sun Times", contained an article which stated that "Studs" TERKEL was a Disc-Jockey on "Wax Museum" over Radio Station WENR at 10:00 on Sunday evenings.

The September 11, 1948, issue of the "Illinois Standard" Page 5, Column 1, 2, and 3, contain an article which stated that "Studs" TERKEL was then employed as a Disc-Jockey and radio commentator over Chicago Radio Station WJJD.

It is to be noted that T-5, of known reliability, has advised that the "Illinois Standard" was the successor to the "Chicago Star" and commenced publication September 11, 1948, and ceased publication January 29, 1949. According to the informant, the "Illinois Standard" was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party, its education policies were dictated by the Communist Party and followed the Communist Party line.

The June 26, 1950, issue of "Sun Times", contained an article which stated that "Studs" TERKEL had a radio show "Terkel's Time" over NBC in Chicago.

The February 17, 1951, issue of the "Chicago Daily News", a Chicago daily newspaper, contained an article which stated that "Studs" TERKEL had a radio show on WENR Television called "Studs Place".

Residence:

T-6, of known reliability, advised on October 5, 1953, that TERKEL resided at 545 West Aldine Street, Chicago, at that time.

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Former Residence:

According to T-1, supra, in 1945, TERKEL had the following former residences with no dates indicated:

623 West Wrightwood, Chicago.

825B East 52nd Street.

T-7, of known reliability, advised on May 5, 1950, that as of that date, TERKEL resided at 623 West Wrightwood.

T-8, of known reliability, advised on June 2, 1951, that as of that date, TERKEL resided at 623 West Wrightwood.

T-9, of known reliability, advised on January 4, 1952, that as of that date, TERKEL resided at 545 West Aldine.

Education:

According to T-1, supra, in 1945, TERKEL was enrolled two years at Crane Junior College, Chicago, taking a general course. T-1 further advised that TERKEL took one year of pre-legal work at the University of Chicago and three years at the University of Chicago Law School.

Marital Status:

According to T-1, supra, in 1945, TERKEL married [redacted] on July 2, 1939, at Highland Park, Illinois.

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Military Record:

T-1, supra, advised in 1945, that TERKEL was in the United States Army from September 17, 1942, until August 23, 1943, being stationed at Greenborough, North Carolina, in the Army Air Force Technical Training Command. According to the informant, TERKEL received an honorable discharge because of his age.

Criminal Record

Records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were reviewed on October 7, 1953, at the request of SE [redacted] and did not reflect any information identifiable with TERKEL.

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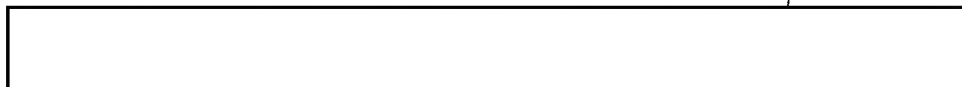
The following is the Identification Record for LOUIS TERKEL, FBI Number 408973A, dated April 18, 1950:

<u>CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS</u>	<u>NAME AND NUMBER</u>	<u>ARRESTED OR RECEIVED</u>
Army	LOUIS TERKEL #36373099	9/17/42 Chicago, Illinois
USCG San Pedro, California	LOUIS TERKEL #--	Permanent Ident 11704547 11/30/43

Relatives:

According to T-1, supra, in 1945, the following are the relatives of TERKEL:

MEYER TERKEL, 500 West 188th Street, New York City, New York, brother, (1945).



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ANNIE TERKEL, 1217 North Washtenaw Avenue, mother - (1945).

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION

The Communist Party and Communist Political Association have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Activity:

T-10, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on April 24, 1945, that PHIL BART, Secretary of District Number 8, Communist Political Association at that time, had told him recently that there were some very influential people in Chicago who are unable to help them very much because they did not want it known that they were members of the Communist Political Association. BART further advised the informant that one of these persons was "STUDS" TERKEL.

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T-11, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on May 7, 1947, that at a meeting of the South Shore Communist Club at 8001 South Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on May 6, 1947, tickets were sold for a party being sponsored by the South Shore Club. This party was to be held on May 24, 1947, at Guch's Hall, 3234 East 92nd Street. According to the informant, instructions were given that "STUDS" TERKEL would be the master of ceremonies but that the members were advised that they should not advertise it.

T-12, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised in April, 1950, that "STUDS" TERKEL was a former member of the Musicians Club of the Communist Party, District Number Eight. The informant advised that TERKEL was in poor standing in 1948.

T-13, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised in March, 1950, that "STUDS" TERKEL spoke at a party of the Young Progressives of America held at the Phylliss Wheatley House, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 4, 1950. According to the informant, [REDACTED] known by the informant to be a member of the Student Section of the Communist Party, University of Minnesota campus, advised the informant that TERKEL had been a member of the Communist Party for a number of years.

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Article In The "Chicago Tribune"

The October 4, 1952, issue of the "Chicago Tribune", a daily Chicago newspaper, contained an article which stated that OWEN VINCENT stated before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Los Angeles, California, on October 2, 1952, that TERKEL recruited him into the Communist Party.

Article In The "Chicago Herald American"

The October 4, 1952, issue of the "Chicago Herald American", a Chicago daily newspaper, contained an article

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entitled "TERKEL Rebuffs Red Querries". According to this article, TERKEL was asked to answer yes or no as to whether he has been or is a member of the Communist Party. According to the article, TERKEL refused to confirm or deny that he is or was a member of the Communist Party. The article further stated that TERKEL said, "I don't want to answer that and I have my constitutional rights".

Current Informant Contacts:

T-5, supra, T-11, supra, T-14, T-15, T-16, T-17, T-18, All of Known Reliability And Who Are Generally Familiar With Communist Party Activities in the Chicago Area

T-5, supra, T-11, supra, T-14, T-15, T-16, T-17, and T-18, advised on July 27, July 28, July 28, July 28, July 31, August 4, and August 5, respectfully, that they did not have any current information regarding any Communist Party activity on the part of TERKEL.

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Abraham Lincoln School:

The Abraham Lincoln School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-19, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on October 22, 1944, that "Studs" TERKEL was scheduled to speak at the Abraham Lincoln School on the above date.

The above informant advised on December 30, 1944, that "Studs" TERKEL would be one of the speakers on the Abraham Lincoln School's next symposium. The informant could not advise as to the date of the symposium.

T-20, Of Known Reliability

The informant made available a folder on September 11, 1950, listing courses of the Abraham Lincoln School, 30 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, for June, 1945. According to the folder, "STUDS" TERKEL was listed as one of the instructors of "San Francisco and After".

T-21, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on May 13, 1945, that "STUDS" TERKEL took part in a panel discussion at the Abraham Lincoln School on instant date. According to the informant, TERKEL, in addition to the panel discussion, taught a class at the Abraham Lincoln School on the above date.

The informant advised on April 17, 1945, that "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to be a speaker on a panel discussion held on May 6, 1945. According to the informant, this panel discussion was to revolve around the San Francisco conference.

T-22, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on May 6, 1945, that on instant date "STUDS" TERKEL had acted as moderator at a meeting of the Extension Department of the Abraham Lincoln School, held in the Ida B. Wells Community Center for the purpose of discussing the "Negro Citizen Looks At The San Francisco Conference".

The informant advised on June 28, 1945, that [redacted] whom the informant advised was the [redacted] of the Abraham Lincoln School, had told him that he had made arrangements for "STUDS" TERKEL to make a speech at the Highland Park American Legion on instant date.

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T-23, Of Known Reliability

This informant advised on April 22, 1947, that he had learned from WALTER NEFF, Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, that "STUDS" TERKEL was to make a collection speech at the Paul Robeson Rally, sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln School on April 27, 1947, at the Civic Opera House in Chicago, Illinois.

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It is to be noted that the July 15, 1949, edition of the "Washington Times Herald", a Washington, D. C., newspaper, carried an article entitled, "Probers Told Robeson is Veteran Red". This article reflects that MANNING JOHNSON, an ex-Communist Party leader, told Congress on July 14, 1949, that PAUL ROBESON had been a member of the Communist Party for many years and that he had met ROBESON frequently at the Communist Party headquarters in New York City, New York.

T-24, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised in 1947, that in April 24, 1947, a salute to PAUL ROBESON was sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln School, 180 West Washington Street, at the Civic Opera House, Chicago. According to the informant, "Studs" TERKEL was the narrator at the above function. The informant further advised that the purpose of the meeting was (1) to praise ROBESON for his efforts as a liberal (2) to advertise the Abraham Lincoln School and procure funds. The informant further advised that TERKEL stated during the narration that, "PAUL ROBESON is a product of all the people fighting for freedom, for justice for all".

American Youth For Democracy

The American Youth For Democracy has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-25, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on August 29, 1945, that he learned that the officials of the American Youth For Democracy were going to try to get "Studs" TERKEL as master of ceremonies for the second anniversary dance of the American Youth For Democracy, to be held later in 1945.

T-26, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on April 24, 1946, "Studs" TERKEL was scheduled to be the Chairman of the first part of a program at the American Youth For Democracy banquet, scheduled for May 4, 1946, at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago.

T-27. Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on April 26, 1946, that "STUDS" TERKEL was a sponsor of the salute to World Youth Banquet Committee. According to the informant, this committee was to arrange a banquet to show adults' appreciation in support of organized world youth and the need for cooperation between the youth and adults, and was sponsored by the American Youth For Democracy.

T-28. of Known Reliability

The informant furnished on October 22, 1946, a circular which was sent to American Youth for Democracy members which stated that the AYD was sponsoring their own radio broadcast on November 6, 1946. This circular pointed out that "STUDS" TERKEL, famous radio commentator, would conduct the program.

The informant advised on May 5, 1947 that "STUDS" TERKEL appeared on a program held at the Membership Meeting of the AYD at the DuSable Community Center, 62 West 49th Street, Chicago, Illinois, on April 21, 1947. The informant further advised that [redacted] of the AYD in Chicago, spoke and stressed the fact that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the people that the AYD was not an un-American youth organization. The informant further advised that [redacted] stated she was a member of the Communist Party and that she was not ashamed of this fact.

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"Chicago Star"

T-5, supra, has advised the "Chicago Star" was a weekly newspaper, dominated and controlled by the Communist Party. According to the informant, it commenced publication on July 4, 1946, and ceased publication on September 4, 1948.

T-29. Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on March 22, 1946, that he had learned from GIL GREEN, who was the chairman of the Communist Party, District Number Eight, at that time, that the services of "STUDS" TERKEL should be utilized in the fund raising drive for the publication of the "Chicago Star".

It is to be noted that GIL GREEN has been convicted of a violation of the Smith Act, 1940, and is presently a fugitive.

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The September 21, 1946, issue of the "Chicago Star", Pages 8 and 9, center column, carries a poem entitled, "Home of the Brave", written by "STUDS" TERKEL, popular radio commentator. This poem described the brutal beating given LUCIAN HOPKINS, a Negro veteran, by deputies of the Sheriff's Office, Madison County, Alton City, Illinois. According to the article, this poem further reflects the discrimination and the hate against the Negroes and calls for an end to the discrimination which TERKEL states will never end until the weed of race hate is uprooted.

The June 8, 1946, issue of the "Chicago Star", carried an article reflecting that "STUDS" TERKEL, top-flight radio star, was to be a master of ceremonies at the Star Klub party, June 29, 1946, at the Hamilton Hotel, 20 South Dearborn Avenue. This article further reflected that the Star Klub, Chicago's own anti-fascist night spot, should be open only to "Chicago Star" 25 pointers, said points being attained by selling subscriptions to the "Chicago Star".

The July 3, 1948, issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 3, column 1, carried an article captioned, "Will See You at the Star Picnic", which reflected that radioman "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to be master of ceremonies at the "Chicago Star" picnic to be held at Justice Park Grove, Justice, Illinois, on July 4, 1948.

Civil Rights Congress:

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5, supra

The informant advised on February 26, 1946, that "STUDS" TERKEL was master of ceremonies at the Festival For Freedom sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress, which was held at the Civic Opera House on Sunday, February 24, 1946. According to the informant, this festival was in order to abolish the poll tax.

T-30, An Agency Which Collects Security Information In The Chicago Area

This informant advised on January 3, 1950, that "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, was the master of ceremonies at a concert sponsored by the CRC at the 8th Street Theater, on February 12, 1948.

The informant advised on November 10, 1953, that TERKEL was a sponsor of a CRC conference "to end Jim-Crowism" on October 15, 1949. The informant advised that

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the above meeting was held at the Central YMCA, Chicago.

"Illinois Standard" Article:

The November 6, 1948, issue of the "Illinois Standard", Page 7, columns 4 and 5, carried an article entitled, "What's Doing", which reflects that "Studs" TERKEL, radio commentator, was scheduled to be the master of ceremonies at the Fun and Frolic party, sponsored by the 44th Ward Club of the CRC to be held November 6, 1948, at 2817 Cambridge Street.

It is to be noted that T-5, supra, has advised that the "Illinois Standard" was a successor to the "Chicago Star" and commenced publication on September 11, 1948, and ceased publication January 29, 1949. According to the informant, the "Illinois Standard" was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party. Its educational policies were dictated by the Communist Party and followed the Communist Party lines.

T-31, Of Known Reliability

The informant on October 13, 1949, furnished a flyer concerning the Civil Rights Conference to end Jim-Crow Housing in Chicago, being held October 15, 1949, at the YMCA cafeteria, 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of this meeting was to plan a campaign against restrictive housing ordinances for non-segregated housing in Chicago. The flyer further reflects that "Studs" TERKEL was cooperating with the Civil Rights Congress and was listed among the co-sponsors of this meeting.

T-14, supra

The informant advised on March 20, 1951, that he believed that "Studs" TERKEL had been a member of the Civil Rights Congress in the past. The informant could furnish no further information in this regard.

Independent Voters of Illinois (IVI)

T-1, supra, advised during 1948, that [redacted] Communist Political Association, District Number 8, in 1945, stated that approximately 10 per cent of the members of the IVI were Communists. This informant also advised that the Communist Political Association was

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making efforts at this time, to gain control of the IVI.

T-32, Of Known Reliability

The informant furnished a pamphlet on June 28, 1949, entitled, "IVI For Political Action Among Independent Voters", which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL conducted a radio program sponsored by the IVI over Station WCFL in 1944 and 1945. This pamphlet further reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL gave voice to the aims and objectives of the IVI. The pamphlet stated that LOUIS "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, was a governing member of the Independent Voters of Illinois.

On June 28, 1949, the informant furnished a post card dated October 19, 1946, announcing 9 radio broadcasts, mainly sponsored by the IVI under the direction of "STUDS" TERKEL, on radio station WMAQ. The informant further advised that "STUDS" TERKEL would do the commentary and the interviewing of various people who appeared on this program, in the latter part of October and the beginning of November, 1946.

T-33, Of Known Reliability

This informant advised on September 13, 1945, that he had learned from PHIL BART, Secretary, District Number Eight, Communist Political Association, that BART had informed GIL GREEN, Chairman, District Number Eight, Communist Political Association at that time, that "STUDS" TERKEL had done commendable work in the IVI Association. BART further advised the informant that the IVI was engaging more and more in community organizations.

T-11, supra

The informant furnished an announcement of the second public forum of the Seventh Ward of the IVI, held at the O'Keefe Public School, 770th Street and Clyde Avenue, on October 17, 1945. This announcement which was furnished on October 25, 1945, reflected the name of "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator who was listed among the speakers for the forum.

T-24, supra

The informant on November 16, 1945, furnished an article distributed at the IVI meeting, held at the Hyde Park

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High School, Chicago, Illinois, on November 16, 1945, which dealt with the Atomic Bomb. This article entitled, "A Bomb Fell on Chicago", was a copy of a radio broadcast directed by "Studs" TERKEL for the IVI on Friday, September 12, 1945, on Radio Station WCFL.

T-34, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on April 26, 1946, that he learned from [redacted] of the American Youth For Democracy, that "Studs" TERKEL was going to be at the IVI meeting at Summer's Hall, on April 29, 1946.

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"Chicago Star" Article:

The April 26, 1947, issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 3, columns 4 and 5, carried an article "IVI Leaders Hit Vote Coup", which reflected that un-Democratic procedures of a small click in the top leadership of the IVI in Illinois, were scored following an election of Directors, which was described as a "Coup". The article further stated that "Studs" TERKEL, former Director, resigned from the organization, charging irregularities in the election procedure. It goes on to state that Ward organizations of the IVI were incensed over the election which ousted 7 Directors who were considered leftists.

International Workers Order (IWO)

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-35, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on May 16, 1946, that LOUISE THOMPSON, Executive Secretary of the DuSable Lodge, International Workers Order, stated that "Studs" TERKEL would be master of ceremonies at the Council meeting to be held at the Clark Parkway Communist Center on May 24, 1946.

T-5, supra

The informant furnished on November 11, 1946, a pamphlet which reflected that "Studs" TERKEL was a sponsor of the DuSable Community Center, Chicago, which organization was sponsored by the DuSable Lodge of the IWO.

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On May 5, 1949, the informant advised that the DuSable Community Center, Chicago, Illinois, was a corporation whose share-holders are comprised of Trade Unions and Left Wing organizations in the Chicago area. The informant further advised that the Communist Party actually controls the DuSable Community Center.

T-36, Of Known Reliability

The informant furnished on January 28, 1949, a printed invitation to the Farewell Testimonial Dinner for LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, on Saturday, February 6, 1949, at the DuSable Community Center Ballroom, 4958 South Wabash Avenue. The invitation also sets out that "STUDS" TERKEL, radio commentator, would be among the scheduled speakers.

It is to be noted that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON was the wife of WILLIAM PATTERSON, former Vice Chairman of the Communist Party, District Number Eight, and later was appointed Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress, whose headquarters are in New York City.

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (JAFRC)

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-37, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised in February, 1945, that [redacted] JAFRC, had told him that there was going to be a party given by the New West Side Committee on May 10, 1945, and that "STUDS" TERKEL was going to speak there.

The informant advised on August 8, 1945, that he had learned from [redacted] of the JAFRC that LOUIS "STUDS" TERKEL, radio writer and actor, had been the master of ceremonies at a program sponsored by the JAFRC, held at the First Congregational Church, Madison, Wisconsin, on August 6, 1945. The informant advised that [redacted] stated that TERKEL declared, "The war in Europe is not over as long as there is a bridgehead of Fascism from Madrid to Buenos Aires to Madison, Wisconsin". Informant stated that [redacted] further advised that TERKEL stated, "We must take our cue from the Potsdam Conference which the big three declared they will not recognize Franco, Spain, but only a people's Spain". The informant further advised that he

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learned from [] that TERKEL asked the audience to contribute funds to aid the thousands of Spanish refugees waiting to return to Spain to oust FRANCO for a Democratic regime.

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The informant further advised on December 6, 1945, that "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to make the collection speech at the banquet honoring Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY, National Director of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, which was held December 8, 1945, at the Congress Hotel.

T-38, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised in 1945, that "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to be a speaker at a delegates' luncheon of the JAFRC committee on February 24, 1945.

The informant further stated that PAUL ROBESON was having a public meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, for the JAFRC and that "STUDS" TERKEL was going to be master of ceremonies and collection speaker.

The informant advised on June 5, 1945, that "STUDS" TERKEL had accepted an invitation to speak before a small house group on the Spanish refugees. The informant did not know the date of this meeting.

The informant further advised on January 11, 1946, that he had learned from [] that "STUDS" TERKEL was going to leave the delegation to see Congressman RESA, of Chicago, Illinois, on January 12, 1946, protesting the action of the House Un-American Activities Committee who ordered that the JAFRC produce their records before that Committee.

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Midwest Committee For Protection of Foreign Born

T-31, supra, advised on May 27, 1948, that the Midwest Committee For Protection of Foreign Born is a midwest organization of the American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born.

The American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-30, supra

The informant advised on November 10, 1953, that the January 17, 1948, of the "Chicago Star", on Page 10, column 2, contained an article which said that TERKEL was master of ceremonies at a meeting in Gary, Indiana, sponsored by the Midwest Committee For Protection of Foreign Born. According to the informant, the article did not give the date of this meeting.

The informant advised on April 11, 1950, that "STUDS" TERKEL was toastmaster at the Pearl Hart 60th birthday testimonial dinner, under the auspices of the Midwest Committee For Protection of Foreign Born, held April 8, 1950, at the Walnut Room, Bismarck Hotel, Randolph and LaSalle Streets, Chicago. The informant advised that TERKEL paid tribute to Pearl Hart's work in opposition to the witch hunts that exist in this country today and stated further "thank God for Pearl and people like her". The informant stated that TERKEL explained that pledge cards would be distributed for contributions to aid a Pearl Hart Fund in assisting the foreign born and advised that the money would be used to prepare and publish literature which would help their cause.

T-29, supra, advised on January 16, 1947, that he learned from GIL GREEN, Chairman of the Communist Party, District Number Eight, at that time, that PEARL HART was in agreement with the principles of the Communist Party, so she would be treated with respect, even when she disagreed. However, GREEN told the informant that if PEARL HART should come into the Communist Party, she would not have that freedom.

T-39, of known reliability, advised on January 30, 1950, that PEARL HART was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the Midwest Committee For the Protection of Foreign Born at a council meeting of that organization held January 23, 1950.

Modern Book Store

T-5, supra, has advised that the Modern Book Store is a Communist propaganda outlet in the Chicago area.

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T-40, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on April 22, 1951, that "STUDS" TERKEL frequented the Modern Book Store in 1948.

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-41, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on January 1, 1945, that "STUDS" TERKEL was going to make a short talk at the Red Army Celebration, which was going to be held February 25, 1945, under the auspices of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

T-32, supra, has advised that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, is an affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

T-41, supra, advised on May 18, 1945, that "STUDS" TERKEL told him that he had turned down a speaking engagement for a CCASF Rally because he was too busy, but that he would speak at the next rally.

National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-42, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on June 13, 1946, that he had learned from WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Vice Chairman of the Communist Party, District Number Eight, at that time, that "STUDS" TERKEL was not up to par with the talk that he gave at the Independent Citizens Committee of the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, June 12, 1946, at the Stevens Hotel.

It is to be noted that T-32, supra, advised on June 28, 1949, that the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions is the Chicago Division of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

T-43, Of Known Reliability

The informant furnished on June 22, 1948, a booklet entitled, "Policy in Program, 1948 National Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council". This booklet reflected that "STUDS"

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TERKEL was a member at large of the NCASF.

Article in "Daily Worker"

The June 28, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker", Page 11, column 3, carried an article entitled, "Arts Science Group to Ask Truman to Aid Anti-Fascists", which reflected that "Studs" TERKEL was among the signers of a petition for presidential clemency for the 11 members of the board of the JAFRC. The article further reflects that the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, was the sponsor of this petition.

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

T-44, Of Known Reliability

The informant furnished on March 17, 1949, a copy of the program of the Cultural Scientific Conference for world peace held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, under the auspices of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949. This program reflected that "Studs" TERKEL was listed as being one of the sponsors for this conference.

T-30, supra

The informant advised on May 7, 1949, that "Studs" TERKEL, radio announcer, was listed among the sponsors of the Chicago Committee on World Peace, sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, held at the Civic Opera House, on April 6, 1949.

The informant advised on May 3, 1950, that "Studs" TERKEL was present at a meeting of the CCASP, Midland Hotel, 172 West Adams Street, on the above date. The informant advised that TERKEL presented a play at this meeting.

T-45, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on May 9, 1952, that "Studs" TERKEL was either a member of the CCASP or an interested party. The work of the CCASP for the years 1951 and 1952.

T-46, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on March 6, 1953, that "Studs" TERKEL was either a member of the CCASP for 1953, or an interested party in the work of the CCASP.

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Progressive Citizens of America (PCA)

T-5, supra, has advised that the Progressive Citizens of America was a Communist Front organization. The informant further advised that he knows that certain known members of the Communist Party in Chicago, have been assigned to work exclusively on PCA and third party recruiting and campaign activities and are being paid for their work by other organizations. The informant stated that their assignments, however, are given by the Communist Party.

T-42, supra

The informant advised on June 13, 1946, that he learned from WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, at that time, that "Studs" TERKEL was one of the principle speakers at the meeting of the PCA held at the Stevens Hotel on June 13, 1946.

T-47, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on March 21, 1947, that "Studs" TERKEL was present at a party of the PCA held at 459 Deming Place, on March 8, 1947.

The informant advised on October 16, 1947, that the Arts, Sciences and Professions Division of the Progressive Citizens of America held a meeting at the PCA headquarters, 112 East Chestnut Street, on October 14, 1947. The informant further stated that during the meeting, "Studs" TERKEL, who was not present, was placed on the planning committee for the Arts Ball, scheduled to be held at a later date.

Article in "Chicago Tribune".

The May 15, 1947, issue of the "Chicago Tribune", a daily Chicago newspaper contained an article which pertained to the appearance of HENRY A. WALLACE, at the Chicago Stadium on May 14, 1947, under the auspices of the PCA. The article further related that when HENRY WALLACE entered the hall, LOUIS "Studs" TERKEL, the master of ceremonies, used the public address system to set up the chant of "Wallace in '48", and whenever the noise showed signs of exciting, TERKEL took it up again.

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It is noted that HENRY A. WALLACE was a candidate for President of the United States on the Progressive Party ticket in 1948.

Article in "Chicago Star"

The September 20, 1947 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 12, column 1, carried an article announcing the Fifth Ward PCA Party, scheduled for September 27, 1947, at 5649 South Blackstone Avenue, which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to participate in the entertainment group.

The March 20, 1948 issue of the "Chicago Star" Page 12, column 2, carried an article entitled "44th Ward, PCA, to Protest UMT", which reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL, a Disc-Jockey, was scheduled to be a speaker at the Community Protest Rally, sponsored by the 44th Ward Club of the PCA, to be held March 30, 1948, at the Alcott School, 2625 North Orchard Street. The article further reflected that the rally was scheduled because of the growing opposition to passage of the compulsory universal military training bill.

Progressive Party

T-5 has advised that the Communist Party really controls the Progressive Party in Illinois, but does not want this known because the Progressive Party would lose its value to the Communist Party.

T-48, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on May 28, 1948, that "STUDS" TERKEL attended a Progressive Party meeting held at the Viking Temple, School and Sheffield Streets, on May 27, 1948.

Articles in the "Chicago Star"

The June 12, 1948 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 5, columns 1 and 2, carried an article reflecting that "STUDS" TERKEL would be the speaker at a meeting of the Progressive Party at the Masonic Temple, Chicago, on June 15, 1948.

The August 7, 1948 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 4, columns 1 and 2, reflected that "STUDS" TERKEL was scheduled to entertain those present at the 46th Ward Progressive Party "shindig" scheduled for Friday evening, August 6, 1948, at the Belmont Hotel.

The August 14, 1948 issue of the "Chicago Star", Page 3, columns 3, 4, and 5, carried an article stating that "STUDS" TERKEL, Chicago radio commentator, was to be the master of ceremonies

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during the Progressive Party day activities at the Illinois State Fair, which was scheduled to be held at Springfield, Illinois, on August 14, 1948.

T-49, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on July 14, 1948, that he had seen a handbill announcing a Progressive Party of Illinois meeting for June 22, 1948, at the Carleton Hotel, Oak Park, Illinois. According to the informant, this handbill reflected that "Studs" TERKEL was scheduled to appear as an attraction at this meeting.

T-30, supra

The informant advised in September, 1948, that the Open-Air Meeting, sponsored by the 4th Ward Club of the Progressive Party, held at 46th Place and South Parkway, on September 3, 1948, was called to order by "Studs" TERKEL, radio commentator and entertainer. The informant further advised that the main topic of the meeting concerned the Progressive Party's demand for a place on the ballot in Illinois.

The informant advised that "Studs" TERKEL introduced the Chairman of the evening, Mr. RICHARD WATT, Progressive Party attorney, former professor of law at the University of Chicago, at the Henry A. Wallace Rally, sponsored by the Progressive Party held at Wrigley Field, Chicago, on September 14, 1948.

The informant advised in April, 1949, that "Studs" TERKEL attended the Progressive Party Rally for Peace, held at the Chicago Coliseum, on April 29, 1949.

T-5, supra

The informant advised on February 27, 1950, that he has met "Studs" TERKEL on several occasions, the date of which he cannot recall, at Progressive Party functions in Chicago.

T-50, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on November 2, 1951, that TERKEL had paid \$5.00 for his January, 1952, pledge to the Progressive Party.

The informant advised on February 18, 1952, that "Studs" TERKEL contributed \$15.00 on February 8, 1952, as his February, March, and April pledge to the Progressive Party.

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The informant advised on May 9, 1952, that "STUDS" TERKEL contributed \$15.00 on May 7, 1952, as his May, June, and July pledge to the Progressive Party.

Other Information

T-51, Of Known Reliability

The informant advised on March 19, 1948, that LOUIS TERKEL was a subscriber to the "U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin" as of November 10, 1947. The informant advised that the "U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin" was published by the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C.

Description

The following description of the subject was furnished by T-52, a reliable and confidential source, on March 7, 1950:

Name	LOUIS TERKEL , Wa. "STUDS" TERKEL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	May 16, 1912
Place of Birth	New York City, New York (not verified)
Residence	545 West Aldine Street, Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'7"
Weight	147 lbs.
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Hazel
Marital Status	
Complexion	Dark
Social Security No.	360-09-0774
Army Serial No.	36373099

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
T-1, Selective Service Records, Draft Board No. 9, 1525 E. 53rd, Chicago, Ill.	Background	1945	SA [redacted] [redacted]	100-17848-2
T-2, [redacted] [redacted] (deemed advisable)	Present employment	10/5/53	SA [redacted] [redacted] (orally)	Instant Report
T-3, Fisur of subject	Former Employment	6/45	[redacted]	100-17848-2
T-4, [redacted]	Characterization of Independent Voters of Illinois			b2 b7D
T-5, [redacted]	Characterization of "Illinois Standard"			
	Current informant contact	7/27/53	SA [redacted]	Instant Report
	Characterization of "Chicago Star"			b6 b7C
	2/24/46	2/26/46	Unidentified	100-17848-26
	Sponsor, DuSable Community Center	2/11/46	H. C. POHLMANN	100-17848-26
	Characterization for DuSable Community Center			
	Characterization of Modern Book Store			
	Characterization of Progressive Citizens of America			
	Characterization for Progressive Party			
	Progressive Party activity	2/27/50	H. C. POHLMANN	100-17848-24

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T-6, Physical surveillance	Residence	10/5/53	[redacted]	100-17848-82
T-7, Pretext telephone call to [redacted]	Former residence	5/5/50	SA [redacted]	100-17848-38
T-8, Pretext telephone call to subject	Former residence	6/2/51	SA [redacted]	100-17848-58
T-9, Pretext telephone call [redacted]	Former residence	1/4/52	SA [redacted]	100-17848-63
T-10, [redacted]	TERKEL, CPA member	4/24/45		
T-11, [redacted]	5/6/47	5/7/47	Written report	100-17848-13
	Current informant contact	7/28/53	DANIEL THOMAS	Instant report
	Activity in IVI	10/25/45	JOHN F. GLENNVILLE	100-17848-26
T-12, [redacted]	Member of Musicians Club	April, 1950	Unidentified New York Agents	100-19129-27, p.3
T-13, [redacted]	3/4/50	3/50	[redacted] (former agent) orally	100-6725-245
T-14, [redacted]	Current informant contact	7/28/53	SA [redacted]	Instant Report
	CRC member	3/20/51	G.N. FREYMAN	100-18155-1B10(43)
T-15, [redacted]	Current informant contact	7/28/53	DANIEL THOMAS	Instant Report
T-16, [redacted]	Current informant contact	7/31/53	JOHN J. MATTHEWS	Instant Report

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T-17, []	Current informant contact	8/4/53	SA []	Instant Report
T-18, []	Current informant contact	8/5/53	SA [] []	Instant Report
T-19, []	10/22/44 Speaker for ALS	10/22/44 12/30/44		
T-20, [] [] (deemed advisable)	Instructor for ALS	9/11/50	SA []	[]
T-21, []	3/13/45 4/17/45	3/13/45 4/17/45		
T-22, []	5/6/45 6/28/45	5/6/45 6/28/45		
T-23, []	4/22/47	4/22/47		
T-24, []	4/27/47	1947	SA [] []	100-17848-26
	Radio broadcasts for IVI	11/16/45	[]	100-17848-26
T-25, []	8/29/45	8/29/45		
T-26, []	4/24/46	4/24/46		
T-27, Anonymous				
T-28, []	AYD Radio Program 4/21/47	10/22/46 5/5/47	SA [] []	100-17848-26 100-17848-26
T-29, []	3/22/46 Characterization of PEARL HART	3/22/46		

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T-30, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]	2/12/48	1/3/50	SE [redacted] [redacted]	100-17848-26
	10/15/49	11/10/53	SA [redacted] [redacted]	Instant Report
	Master of Ceremonies at MCPFB	11/10/53	"	"
	4/8/50	4/11/50	Written Report	Unable to locate
	4/6/49	5/7/49	SE [redacted] [redacted]	100-17848-26
	CCASP meeting	5/3/50	Written Report	100-20627-52, p.2
	9/3/48, 9/14/48, 4/29/49	1/3/50	SE [redacted] [redacted]	100-17848-26
T-31, [redacted]	Co-sponsor of CRC meeting	10/13/49	[redacted]	100-17848-26
	Characterization of MCPFB			
T-32, [redacted]	Activity, 1944, 1945	6/28/49	[redacted]	100-17848-26
	10/19/46	6/28/49	"	"
	Characterization of CCASF			
	Characterization of CCASF			
T-33, [redacted]	9/13/45	9/13/45		
T-34, [redacted]	4/26/46	4/26/46		
T-35, [redacted]	5/16/46	5/16/46		
T-36, Trash Cover, [redacted] [redacted]		1/28/49	CARL N. FREYMAN [redacted]	100-17728-1A1

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T-37, []	February, 1945	February, 1945		
	8/8/45	8/8/45		
	12/6/45	12/6/45	b2 b7D	
T-38, []	2/24/45	1945		
	6/5/45	6/5/45		
	1/11/46	1/11/46		
T-39, Trash cover [] [] on 1/31/50	Characterization of PEARL HART		b7D	
T-40, Anonymous				
T-41, []	1/1/45	1/1/45	b2 b7D	
	5/18/45	5/18/45		
T-42, []	6/13/46	6/13/46		
T-43, []	Member-at-large of NCASP	6/13/46		
	NCASP	6/22/48	SA [] SE []	100-93553-1B99 p.7
T-44, [] [] (deemed advisable)	Sponsor of CCASP meeting	3/17/49	SA []	100-17848-20
T-45, []	CCASP member	5/9/52	[]	100-20627-164, p. 57
T-46, []	"	3/6/53	SA [] []	100-20627-201
T-47, []	3/21/47	3/21/47		b2 b6 b7C b7D
	10/14/47	10/16/47		

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T-48, []	5/27/48	5/28/58	SA JOSEPH P. MC MAHON	Unable to locate
T-49, []	6/22/48	7/14/48	SA []	Unable to locate
T-50, []	January pledge for PP	11/2/51	SA []	100-17848-65
	PP contributor	2/28/52	SA []	100-19005-1B12-167
	"	5/9/52	"	"
T-51, Confidential Informant "Z"	Subscriber to USSR Information Bulletin	3/19/48	Unidentified employee of WFO	100-17848-26
T-52, Selective Service Records as made available by []	Description	3/7/50	SA []	100-17848-26

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [] dated 8/15/50 at Chicago
Chicago letter to Director 6/5/53.

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No additional indexing required.
Derogatory information regarding
individuals listed herein other than
subject previously reported or is
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February 26, 1954

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ASAC _____ "Studs" Terkel
Supervisor _____ SM - C
Agent _____
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Special Employee BuFile No. 100-196190
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Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

Enclosed are five copies each of amended pages 6, 25 and 28 for the report of SA [redacted] dated 12/7/53 at Chicago. The amended pages have been inserted in the Chicago file.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

DATE: April 9, 1954

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

✓ Disk Jockey, Radio Station WAAF

221 North La Salle, Chicago, Illinois

KEY FACILITY DATA: none

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 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)
 SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, wa. *STUDS*
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 (OO - Chicago)

DATE: November 8, 1954

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Boardman _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Tamm _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Parsons _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tamm _____
 Mr. Sizoo _____
 Mr. Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Miss Gandy _____

The above captioned individual is a Security Index subject of the Chicago office. The following is being submitted for the Bureau's information:

On August 26, 1954 [redacted] a reporter for the "Austin News" and "The Garfieldian," 3935 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, contacted the Chicago FBI office and requested information as to whether or not the captioned subject has been cooperative with the Bureau. [redacted] was advised that because of the confidential nature of Bureau records, he could not be told whether TERKEL had or had not ever cooperated with the FBI.

[redacted] stated his reason for asking was that the "Austin News" was preparing a series of articles concerning TERKEL for publication. He stated the newspaper was interested in showing TERKEL's affiliations with various Communist Party groups in an effort to expose TERKEL to the public.

[redacted] stated he has been doing extensive research concerning TERKEL and has documental material concerning TERKEL's activities on behalf of, and in Communist Party organizations.

[redacted] went on to state that [redacted] for the "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago daily newspaper, [redacted] TERKEL, had told [redacted] that one time [redacted] had spoken to TERKEL concerning TERKEL's activities in various Communist Party front organizations, and [redacted] tried to find out from TERKEL whether TERKEL was actually sympathetic to the Communist movement. According to [redacted] even suggested to TERKEL that TERKEL contact the FBI and furnish the Bureau with any information TERKEL might have in his possession concerning various Communist organizations and individuals active therein.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

According to [redacted] TERKEL resented [redacted] interference in his personal affairs and since that particular conversation with [redacted] TERKEL has refused to have anything to do with him.

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In addition to the article which the "Austin News" is contemplating doing on TERKEL, [redacted] stated that the paper is also interested in exposing another Chicago entertainer, namely [redacted]

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It is to be noted that [redacted] Bufile 100-16487, is a Security Index subject of the Chicago office.

On October 15, 1954 [redacted] telephonically contacted the Chicago office and advised that a story concerning LOUIS TERKEL would appear in the October 20, 1954 issue of "The Garfieldian."

[redacted] advised that he mentioned in the story that the FBI advised the U. S. Army that the subject was Communistically inclined when the subject entered the service. [redacted] stated he obtained this information from what he considered to be a reliable source, and was telling the FBI about it as he knew the Bureau was interested in TERKEL. [redacted] also stated that he was telling the FBI because he wanted to keep the Chicago office advised of what he was doing.

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[redacted] was advised that he could not be instructed not to mention the FBI in his story and was advised to bear in mind that the FBI is a fact finding agency and makes no recommendations to other government agencies.

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Enclosed is an article written by [redacted] entitled "Studs Should Disavow Past If He's Changed," which appeared in "The Garfieldian," a local weekly west side Chicago newspaper, on October 20, 1954.

Around 'n' About

Studs Should Disavow Past If He's Changed

BY DAN LYDON

Another former Communist has seen the light. Ira H. Latimer, executive secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties committee, has joined the growing number of ex-commies who not only want to disassociate themselves from the party but who are willing to talk about their former comrades.

Last May, Latimer testified before the subversive activities control board in Washington. Since then he has been giving the names of Chicagoans whom he had known to be Communists. The Chicago American carried a series of articles concerning his activities as a Red—activities spread over a 20 year period.



Dan Lydon

Mr. Latimer's confession brings the Communist menace close to home. He speaks of thousands of Reds who have infiltrated key places right here in Chicago. He isolates various fields in which the party has set a definite goal for subversion. But his most startling disclosure concerns their attempts to get control of public information channels. Says Latimer: "Another fertile field for Communist infiltration

is that dealing with public information—radio and television commentators, magazine writers, columnists, public relations counsels—anyone who has access to the public mind and the public ear."

A long time ago we took note of Communist efforts in this field—and a long time ago we learned that their success was meager. However meager it has been—the important thing is that they have succeeded in getting commies into radio, television and other media. The puzzling thing is—how do they keep them there?

Let's take the case of Studs Terkel. Here is a writer, actor, disc jockey and a guy who has managed to remain the best kept secret in Chicago's information circle.

Read the record of Studs Terkel and see if you think that he should in any way have access to the "public ear."

As far back as 1941, Studs was getting write-ups in the Daily Worker as a member of left wing theatrical groups. In 1943 he went into the Army where he was kept under constant surveillance when the FBI informed the Army that he was suspected of being a Communist. After 90 days he was discharged for a broken ear drum. Later when he tried to get overseas with the Red Cross, Army intelligence refused to okay him.

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During 1944 and 1945, he was a lecturer at the Abraham Lincoln school here in Chicago. This school was named by the U.S. attorney general as an adjunct of the Communist party. ~~Oct. 4, 1947~~ It has also been cited by both the California and the U.S. House of Representatives Un-American Activities committee.

From 1945 to 1950 the record shows numerous instances when Terkel made speeches, wrote letters, appeared on welcoming committees and in other ways supported known Communists or organizations easily associated with the party.

But the most damaging evidence of all came Oct. 2, 1952, when Owen Vinson—an admitted Communist—in sworn testimony before the House Un-American Activities committee identified Louis Studs Terkel as one of the two individuals who recruited him (Vinson) into the Communist party in 1943. He further identified him as an actor, a writer and as doing some work as a disc jockey.

Later in Vinson's testimony he told of leaving Chicago and going to California. He related how he returned to Chicago in 1947 after breaking with the party. Back in Chicago he met Terkel who told him that he (Terkel) had "left the party for some years." In spite of this denial House Un-American Activities committee records show that in 1949 he was an American sponsor of the World Congress for Peace, which was held in Paris.

Even as late as June 18 of this year, only four months ago, Studs Terkel was still associating with doubtful companions. On that date he was a speaker for the Chicago Committee for Academic and Professional Freedom at a meeting held on the South Side. The organization has been closely identified with left wing groups.

If Terkel no longer would join with the Reds as alleged, we suggest that he has never, seemingly, regretted his membership by giving the authorities any help in locating any of his former playmates. The FBI would appreciate a full confession—it would save them the trouble of keeping tab on him and at the same time help to spot out others who deserve to be spotlighted for what they really are.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

DATE: February 25, 1955

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)

SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, Wa.
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T.V. show "Briefcase", Channel #7, Station WBKB, 20 North Wacker
Drive, Chicago, Illinois

KEY FACILITY DATA: (None)

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 545 West Aldine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 1st
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO**

REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS	DATE WHEN MADE 4-21-55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-23; 3-31; 4-11, 13-55	REPORT MADE BY ST. [redacted] MVS
TITLE LOUIS TERKEL, wa "studs" Terkel			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject served in U. S. Army from 10-1-42 to 8-27-43. Received Honorable Discharge. ERC, inactive status, 9-17-42 to 8-26-43. No additional Reserve service located. Background and descriptive data set out. No photo. Records at FRC, GSA, SLMO, indicate one LOUIS TERKEL of 1217 North Washington Ave., Chicago, Ill. employed by WPA, Chicago, Ill. Terminated by reason of completion of project. Resided at 825 East 52nd St., Chicago, Ill. at time of termination. Foreman and supervisor shown.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>DELETED COPY SENT BY LETTER 12/30/56 PER F.O.I.P.A. REQUEST</p> <p>DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</p> <p>A review of the Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Records Center, Department of the Army, on April 11, 1955, for LOUIS TERKEL, Army Serial No. 36 373 099, indicates that he was inducted into the U. S. Army on September 17, 1942 and entered on active duty on October 1, 1942 at Camp Grant, Illinois. He was honorably discharged on August 27, 1943 as a Sergeant at Greensboro, North Carolina by reason of being over age. He was in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, inactive status, from September 17, 1942 to September 30, 1942. No additional Reserve service was located. The record reflects he was accepted for limited service only due to poor vision in the right eye. He had no foreign service and participated in no battles or campaigns.</p> <p>He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal.</p> <p><i>Appropriate Agency and Field Office advised by R/S re declassification 1/26/76 JTW</i></p> <p><i>Delascribed 4417 11/26/76 JTW</i></p> <p>AGENCY <u>RAB</u> REQ. REC'D _____ DATE FORW. <u>4-29-55</u> HOW FORW. <u>0-6</u> BY <u>AFM-mm</u></p>			
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His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent. There is no record of courts-martial or absence without leave.

The following background and descriptive information is contained in the record:

Date and Place of Birth	May 16, 1912 at New York, New York
Height	5' 5"
Weight	147 Lbs.
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Dark
Build	Medium
Civilian Occupation	Radio script-writer
Military Occupation	Clerk-typist
Address	623 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Wife	[REDACTED]
Relatives	Mother - ANNIE TERKEL, 1217 North Washington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; [REDACTED]
Employment	1941 - Illinois Writers Project, W.P.A., 433 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.
Education	Four years elementary and four years high school; two years Crane Junior College, University of Chicago; three years University of Chicago School of Law.
LDB #	9 at Chicago, Illinois
Order #	1489
Soc. Sec. #	360-09-0774
Miscellaneous	No photograph located.

On April 13, 1955, a review by SE [REDACTED] of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri for one LOUIS TERKEL, who resided at 1217 North Washington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois indicates that he was employed on December 2, 1937 as a Junior Writer with the Works Progress Administration, Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated on July 11, 1941 as a Writer by reason of completion of project.

The records reflect that TERKEL resided at 825 East 52nd Street,

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Chicago, Illinois at the time of termination.

It was indicated that TERKEL's foreman was GEORGE A. ROLLINS and a supervisor was listed as F. M. SHERLAW.

The record failed to reflect any additional information.

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REFERENCE:

Chicago letter to St. Louis dated 2-11-55. *B*

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article ~~X~~ To Combat Juvenile Delinquency

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(A letter to the NY Times, by
Meyer Terkel, May 6)

Louis Terkel

The resources of NY City should be mobilized in a coordinated, long-range program to combat juvenile delinquency. The city has many resources. The coordination of only three could be the center of an all-out fight. These resources are our institutions of higher learning, our mass media of communication and our potential youth leadership in the schools. Our universities and colleges have well-known specialists a conference could be called to fix areas of study and work for them. The country's greatest concentration of mass media can be found in the city. Newspapers, TV and radio could give dramatic coverage of juvenile delinquency conferences. The Advertising Council can inform bus and subway patrons. And in our city there are great potentialities for youth leadership.

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To Combat Delinquency

Program for Mobilization City for Community Action Proposed

The writer of the following letter, a teacher of Social Studies, was formerly a social worker and supervisor at Educational Alliance.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

The alarming increase in juvenile delinquency has given rise to so many remedial proposals that there seems to be a need for an over-all appraisal of this problem. Experts maintain that no one community agency by itself can prevent teenage crime. They believe it is multiple-caused and requires a multiple approach. A few days ago Mayor Wagner stated that "despite the greater services we are giving our children today" juvenile crime is increasing.

A new dimension may be needed in the survey of this community problem: an integrated, long-range program of prevention. This may be presented for further study to the state conference later this year.

Coordinating Resources

New York City is unusual in that it has many outstanding community resources that may be brought to bear upon this problem. The coordination of only three such resources will be presented as a method of procedure—our institutions of higher learning, our mass media of communication and our potential youth leadership in the public, private and parochial schools. These three may be the center of an all-out fight on as broad a scale as possible.

Our universities and colleges, municipal and private, have well-known specialists who have cooperated in the past on a number of community projects. With the aid of the Welfare and Health Council or the New York City Youth Commission as the coordinating and summarizing agency, a preliminary conference may be arranged for representatives of volunteering universities and colleges so that definite areas of this highly complex problem may be chosen by them for study and discussion. Several universities have excellent facilities for extended conferences.

At the later conferences are to be included representatives of all governmental, civic, parent and religious organizations and educational and social agencies concerned with family and youth problems.

The country's greatest concentration of mass media of communication can be found in New York City. By news coverage, special features, editorials, or even banner headlines, these conferences may be brought to all our citizens. Television and radio may possibly cover some of the proceedings and so bring them home to the public in a visual and dramatic manner. The Advertising Council can inform the patrons of buses and subways. Newsreels are another means of reaching the people.

Youth Leadership

Charles H. Silver, president of the New York City Board of Education, suggested that we enlist the cooperation of our youth in the solution of this problem. In our city there are great potentialities for youth leadership in all our secondary schools. The educational authorities may formulate a program of youth leadership in our secondary schools as part of the curriculum that will be socially beneficial far beyond the immediate problem itself. By utilizing some of the newer techniques in social psychology the other students will also be educated for alert, intelligent followership.

This three-part program is not meant to be a cure-all for such a recurrent and complex community problem as juvenile delinquency. It is a proposal for a cooperative effort to prevent or reduce its incidence through the mobilization of the entire city for community action.

MEYER TERKEL.

New York, May 4, 1955.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

DATE: June 18, 1955

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)

Security Index Card Canceled

SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re SAC Letter No. 55-30, dated April 12, 1955 entitled "Security Index".

In compliance with the above, SAC Letter, the following information is being furnished to the Bureau:

LOUIS TERKEL resides at 545 West Aldine and is employed as a disc jockey, radio station WAAF, and has a television show "Briefcase" on WBKB, Channel 7, Chicago, Illinois.

Succinct Resume of Case

[redacted] an admitted CP member, advised that subject recruited him into the CP in the middle 1940's. Informants who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that STUDS TERKEL was one of several very influential persons in Chicago in 1945, who could not help the CPA very much because they were CPA members. Subject reportedly a former member of the Musicians Club, CP in 1940's, was in poor standing with this club in 1948.

Subject has been active in many CP front groups as a member, a sponsor, a musician or as an entertainer.

TERKEL has been described in January, 1955 as being a person the CP or CP front groups could call upon to write articles, to perform or to entertain for various affairs.

A highly placed informant in February, 1955 advised that [redacted] and/or the CP was reviewing the names of former "Party functionaries" in order to ascertain their present status as the Party must not allow such people as this to "just drift away". [redacted] mentioned STUDS TERKEL among those who must be contacted in order to ascertain their present Party status.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: LOUIS TERKEL, was.
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Recommendation:

Remove from Security Index.

It is recommended that subject be removed from Security Index, Chicago Division, inasmuch as there is no evidence of subject's CP membership within the past five years.

It is to be noted that subject has been active in CP front groups within the past three years, but the nature of his activities with these front groups has been primarily as an entertainer, singer, Master of Ceremonies or as a sponsor of an affair.

Detcom Tabbing:

Subject is not tabbed Detcom.

Subject does not meet the new criteria for Detcom Tabbing in accordance with SAC Letter 55-12 (A).

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

DATE: June 28, 1955

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)

Attention: Identification Div.

SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Chicago letter (FD-165) dated May 18, 1950.

Inasmuch as the Security Index card on the captioned subject, FBI #408973A, has been canceled, it is requested that the security flash be canceled.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-196190)

DATE: February 24, 1956

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17848)

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SUBJECT: LOUIS TERKEL, wa.

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Re Los Angeles letter to Chicago dated February 15, 1956, captioned "LOUIS TERKEL, aka 'Studs' Terkel, SM - C, HCUA Hearings, Los Angeles."

Relet reflected that [redacted] in testimony before an Executive Session of the HCUA on October 14, 1955 at Los Angeles, identified LOUIS TERKEL, better known as "STUDS" TERKEL, as a member of the Communist Party at Chicago.

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[redacted] testified that in April, 1942 he moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he became active in a Communist Party group which was connected with the entertainment industry. He further testified that he made a complete and final break with the Communist Party in October, 1947 at Chicago.

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TERKEL was deleted from the Security Index of the Chicago office by letter dated June 8, 1955, under the provisions of SAC Letter 55-30 dated April 12, 1955.

Records of the Chicago office fail to reflect any information which would warrant additional investigation of subject at this time, and no further action is contemplated by the Chicago office.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: October 27, 1955

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FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT:
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Letter of 10-19-55 from inquires whether FBI data can be kept confidential inasmuch as former Agents have a club where they meet with presently employed Agents. It adds that a book printed in 1952 reported that a former or then employed Agent was a close associate of Governor Adlai Stevenson whom she thinks cannot be trusted. The letter, which enclosed newspaper articles and a booklet, sets forth her suspicions about remarks made by Studs Terkel, a TV commentator and self-admitted Communist, inasmuch as after he mentions certain prominent persons or places events occur indicating to her his remarks were a signal. She explains that a week after he mentioned Thailand, John E. Peurifoy died in an accident.

Bufiles contain no data identifiable with correspondent. The files reflect that the close associate of Stevenson may be identical with former SA Ross B. Randolph who became his Special Assistant after resigning from Bureau in December, 1951. * Studs Terkel is a former Security Index subject. (67-218592 and 100-196190)

Review of files regarding Association of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Incorporated, and inquiry of Speech Room records did not disclose basis for correspondent's statement that former and presently employed Agents have a club where they meet. SAC Letter 54-13E of 9-9-54 instructed that inasmuch as Bureau approval would not be given to any invitations to attend functions of the Association of Former Special Agents of the FBI, such invitations should be declined.

* Or SA who resigned on 6-20-52 to accept the position of Administrative Assistant to Stevenson. On 2-28-55 he was reinstated as Special Agent.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Administrative Division

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

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RECOMMENDATION:

Attached letter be sent to correspondent informing her that she will be contacted in near future. Addendum for SAC, Chicago instructs that she be contacted and informed that data in Bufiles is maintained as confidential in accordance with a Departmental regulation and that the Bureau constantly watches that present and former Bureau employees strictly comply with the regulation. During the interview the basis be ascertained for her statement that former and presently employed Bureau Agents meet at a club.

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TITLE OF CASE LOUIS TERKEL, Aka. Studs Terkel		Report made by WALTER A. BOYLE	Typed By: gmf
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	

REFERENCE: Summary report of SA [redacted] dated [redacted] at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Await approval of Bureau placing TERKEL on Section A of Reserve Index and will thereafter close case administratively.

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NEGATIVE INFORMANT CONTACTS

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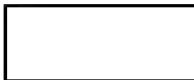
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Organization

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Chicago All Slav Cultural
Committee, also known as
All Slav Co-ordinating Committee

Chicago Committee for Academic
and Professional Freedom

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Chicago Council of American-
Soviet Friendship

Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences,
and Professions

The Douglass Lincoln Freedom of
the Press Club, also known as
Marxist Study Circle

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National Lawyers Guild (National)

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"The American Socialist"

1. ☐ Subject's name is being recommended for inclusion in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☐ Subject's name is included in Section ☐ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
3. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
6. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
8. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ / because (state reason)
report contains information reported by CG T-1, CG T-4, CG T-7, CG T-8, CG T-10, CG T-11, CG T-12, and CG T-16, current informants, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in their identification, compromising their future effectiveness.
9. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
the nature of his occupation is such that an excessive danger of embarrassment to the Bureau exists. It is noted TERKEL conducts a daily radio program consisting of interviews and commentary with prominent personalities concerning various topics.
10. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
11. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
of TERKEL's association and sympathy in various subversive causes continuing to the present time, and because of his position as an entertainer and radio personality giving him a position in which he is potentially influential.

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Copy to:

Report of: **WALTER A. BOYLE**
Date: **7/14/61**

Office: **CHICAGO**

Field Office File No.: **100-17848**

Bureau File No.: **100-196190**

Title: **LOUIS TERKEL**

Character: **SECURITY MATTER - C**

Synopsis:

TERKEL resides 3152 North Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, employed by Radio Station WFMT, Chicago, Illinois, and conducts daily discussion program. Member, American Federation of Radio and Television Artists, identified as member, Communist Party (CP) USA, from 1936 to 1942; mentioned in 1955 among former Party functionaries; described in 1955 as person CP could call upon to write articles, entertain, and secure funds. Connections with following set out: Chicago All Slav Cultural Committee; Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship; Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions; Civil Rights Congress; Committee for Academic and Professional Freedom; National Lawyers Guild; and others.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organizations mentioned in this report have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

Civil Rights Congress;
Communist Party, USA;
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship;
United American-Spanish Aid Committee.

The following organizations and publication mentioned in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the last pages of this report:

American Socialist Clubs, formerly known as the Socialist Union of America;
Chicago All Slav Cultural Committee, also known as All Slav Co-ordinating Committee;
Chicago Committee for Academic and Professional Freedom;
Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship;
Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions;
Douglass Lincoln Freedom of the Press Club, also known as Marxist Study Circle;
Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (National)
Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (Chicago, Illinois);
National Lawyers Guild (National);
National Lawyers Guild (Chicago, Illinois);
Progressive Party;
Socialist Union of America;
"The American Socialist".

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I. BACKGROUND

Residence

On June 21, 1961, [redacted] advised that TERKEL resides in the second floor apartment, 3152 North Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Employment

On June 21, 1961, the Information Service of WFMT Radio Station, 221 North LaSalle Street, advised that TERKEL has a daily radio program from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on that station called "Studs Terkel's Wax Museum", which is a variety and discussion program on which TERKEL interviews leading personalities from all walks of life.

TERKEL is a member of the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists.

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Criminal

On April 25, 1961, the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were checked by Investigative Clerk [redacted] and no arrest record identifiable with TERKEL was located.

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Credit

On April 25, 1961, DOLORES COFFEY, Clerk, at the request of Investigative Clerk [redacted] caused the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, to be checked, but no record identifiable with TERKEL was located.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

[redacted] a self-admitted member of the CP in Chicago, Illinois, from 1936 through 1939, and a member of the CP in Dayton, Ohio, from 1944 to May, 1946, in an interview conducted April 6 and 13, 1953, advised TERKEL

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was among those who were members of the CP in Chicago from approximately 1936 to 1941.

[redacted] a self-admitted former member of the CP, advised on August 23, 1955, that he moved into the Chicago area in April, 1942, and shortly thereafter the branch of the CP with which he had become affiliated in Chicago, was consolidated with a branch that included members of the CP who were working in the Chicago Repertory Theater, and TERKEL was a member of that branch. b6
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In testimony before an Executive Session of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on October 14, 1955, at Los Angeles, California, [redacted] identified TERKEL as a member of the CP in Chicago. [redacted] did not state in which years TERKEL was a CP member. b6
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(CG T-2)

It was learned in July of 1954, that TERKEL was on a list to receive by mail, an invitation to a party on August 6, 1954, to raise money for [redacted] known to the source as a member of the CP. Source stated in January, 1955, that TERKEL was a person the CP could call upon to write articles, perform, or entertain for various affairs. b6
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(CG T-3)

It was learned that [redacted] of the CP of Illinois, stated on February 12, 1955, that the CP was reviewing the names of former Party functionaries in order to ascertain their present status. Among others, STUDES TERKEL was mentioned as such an individual to be contacted. [redacted] stated that the CP must not allow such people as this to "just drift away". b6
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TERKEL was described on May 12, 1955, as a person who used to be active in the CP, [redacted] of the Marxist Study Circle. b6
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It was learned that as of September 2, 1955, TERKEL was a person to be contacted by the CP in order to secure funds for the CP, Illinois - Indiana District.

(CG T-6)

TERKEL was among those being considered in July, 1960, as contacts in attempts by the CP of Illinois to re-establish a Cultural Commission of the CP in Illinois. These contacts were not necessarily current members of the CP.

(CG T-7)

During a discussion by a CP of Illinois Cultural Group on October 12, 1960, of whom to invite to the group's first affair, the name of STUDS TERKEL was mentioned as being on the group's mailing list.

(CG T-8)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Chicago All Slav Cultural Committee (CASCC)

STUDS TERKEL was approached to write a script for entertainment at a luncheon planned by the CASCC to entertain the Russian Moiseyev Dance Group during their visit to Chicago in May, 1958, and had agreed to do so.

(CG T-9)

Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF)

On July 23, 1959, TERKEL attended the Russian Festival of Music and Dance at the Civic Opera House, Chicago, Illinois, for which affair tickets were sold by the CCASF.

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CG T-11 on August 20, 1959, confirmed TERKEL's attendance at the above mentioned Russian Festival of Music and Dance.

A source advised that TERKEL was to direct a skit on [redacted] life to be given at a banquet on June 26, 1954, in honor of [redacted] sponsored by the CCASF.

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[redacted] in the early 1940s, was a member at large of the CP of Illinois. [redacted]

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Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences,
and Professions (CCASP)

Source advised in January, 1955, that [redacted] had, in the past, been connected with the CCASP.

(CG T-3)

[redacted] former member of the CCASP, advised that on May 9, 1952, he observed TERKEL's name on the 1951 and 1952 general mailing list of the CCASP.

Civil Rights Congress

[redacted] self-admitted former member of the CP, advised on May 17, 1961, that TERKEL frequently entertained at Civil Rights Congress Affairs during the period about 1947 - 1948.

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Committee for Academic and
Professional Freedom (CAPF)

At a June 18, 1954, mass meeting of the CAPF, STUDES TERKEL made the collection speech, after which \$200 was collected. Talks were given concerning the "Oppenheimer Case" and "McCarthyism".

(CG T-14)

CG T-15 confirmed TERKEL's part in the above meeting.

Emma Lazarus Federation of
Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF)

At a meeting of the Riverdale Club of the ELF held in Evanston, Illinois, on November 10, 1959, the members present were requested to listen to a radio program conducted by TERKEL on November 17, 1959, since he was going to give a talk about a book published by the ELF entitled "Lady with a Torch".

(CG T-16)

National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

On November 20, 1954, TERKEL was observed in attendance at the NLG National Convention Banquet at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-17)

Another source advised that TERKEL was among those who either made reservations or attended the NLG National Convention Banquet on November 20, 1954.

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Progressive Party

A source advised that TERKEL was active in the Progressive Party in 1948.

(CG T-3)

It was learned that Progressive Party delegates were in contact with someone at the home of STUDS TERKEL during the Progressive Party Convention held in Chicago July 4, and 5, 1952.

(CG T-15)

Socialist Union of America

A source learned on February 6, 1955, that TERKEL had said he would be willing to be placed on a mailing list for the Socialist Union of America affairs but he was not interested in a subscription to "The American Socialist" magazine at that time.

(CG T-18)

Miscellaneous

On February 11, 1961, TERKEL entertained by means of a skit and a monologue, a group attending a fund raising affair to raise money for [redacted] running for office in Skokie, Illinois.

(CG T-10)

(CG T-11)

A source advised in October, 1941, that one [redacted] was a member of the Speakers Bureau of the United American Spanish Aid Committee.

(CG T-19)

A source advised in 1948 that one [redacted]

[redacted] was [redacted]
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A source advised on February 13, 1950, that one [redacted] was allegedly a member of the Civil Rights Congress Headquarters in Chicago.

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(CG T-21)

On June 21, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] of TERKEL but has only had a small degree of association with him. He stated that TERKEL conducts a portion of his business in his home, that is, he does preliminary work and some taping for his radio interviewing program in an office set up in his apartment. [redacted] advised that several months ago TERKEL had worked rather closely with [redacted] whom he described as "a British Socialist" in the preparation of a film being made for showing on the BBC, concerning life in Chicago. [redacted] stated this film was a source of great controversy and subjected to a great deal of criticism because of the presentation almost exclusively of the sordid side of life in Chicago and local television outlets in Chicago refused to show the film on Chicago television. [redacted] stated that he has no personal knowledge of TERKEL's political philosophy and has engaged in no conversations with TERKEL, the subject matter of which would have caused him to question TERKEL's loyalty to the United States. [redacted] stated that at the time TERKEL moved into the apartment in his building, that he had made inquiries concerning TERKEL from presently unrecalled friends and received the impression that TERKEL was "decidedly left of center" and "very liberal" in his political philosophy.

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Information Concerning [redacted]

B. APPROX. [redacted]

On June 21, 1961, [redacted] supra, advised that [redacted]

[redacted] had been observed by him as among the participants in the "peace walk" from Great Lakes Naval Training Center to the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, March 30, to April 1, 1961. He stated that [redacted] was not carrying any type of banner or placard at the time he had observed him.

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AMERICAN SOCIALIST CLUBS, Formerly known
as the Socialist Union of America

A source on November 8, 1954, advised the Socialist Union of America (SUA) was formed by a minority group which broke away from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) primarily because the minority group believed the SWP should enter the Communist Party (CP) and other left-wing groups with the intention of swinging those groups "right or left", thereby making a revolution possible in a shorter time. The SUA was formally organized at the Midwest Founding Conference held November 21, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan.

A second source on May 4, 1959, advised that during a conference of the SUA held in Chicago, Illinois, on June 1, and 2, 1957, the SUA was dissolved and the American Socialist Clubs (ASC) was organized as its successor.

The conference adopted a statement of purpose indicating its objectives were the education and organization of new socialist forces to prepare the way for building a new movement of democratic socialism in the United States and to support its monthly magazine, the "American Socialist" (AS), as a prime force in such education.

A third source advised on November 24, 1959, that at an ASC meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, in November, 1959, it was decided to abolish the ASC and discontinue publishing the AS.

A fourth source advised on January 5, 1960, that the office of the ASC located at 857 Broadway, New York 3, New York, was closed as of December 31, 1959.

The SWP and the CP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

CHICAGO ALL-SLAV CULTURAL COMMITTEE
Also Known As All-Slav Coordinating Committee

A source advised on May 16, 1960, that the Chicago All-Slav Cultural Committee, which was formed on September 15, 1954, continues to exist for the purpose of holding mass Slavic celebrations, thereby uniting many of the foreign language groups in Chicago under Communist control.

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CHICAGO COMMITTEE FOR ACADEMIC AND
PROFESSIONAL FREEDOM

A source advised on May 19, 1955, that the Chicago Committee for Academic and Professional Freedom was a "paper organization," formed in the summer of 1952, which maintained no offices, and which served as a means by which organizations on a professional level could register their protests regarding issues which they considered offensive without aligning themselves with well-known "left-wing" organizations.

The source stated on April 21, 1955, that the Chicago Committee for Academic and Professional Freedom was then active in the Chicago area and was working for the defeat of the Broyles Bills.

The Broyles Bills were bills introduced into the Illinois State Legislature designated to curtail the activities of the Communist Party in the State of Illinois.

The source further advised on April 5, 1956, that the Chicago Committee for Academic and Professional Freedom did not maintain office space, and there had been no recent appeal for funds or election of officers. Source added that for all intents and purposes, the Chicago Committee for Academic and Professional Freedom was disbanded.

CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

EDWIN GORDON FOX, 7147 Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, (now deceased), made available in January, 1954, the "First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated, "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF) was validated August 11, (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board."

A source advised on May 25, 1960, that the Board of Directors of the CCASF held a meeting on May 24, 1960 and during this meeting discussed a proposed draft of objectives for the Council for the year 1960. This draft, among other things, reiterated that the main aims of the Council were peaceful co-existence and friendship with the USSR.

This same source also advised on May 25, 1960, that the CCASF remains affiliated with the NCASF for the purpose of implementing its stated aims of peaceful co-existence and friendship with the USSR, but continues to consider itself autonomous in the government of its affairs and program for achieving these aims. Although the CCASF considers itself autonomous in this regard, the leaders of the CCASF are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the NCASF.

The NCASF has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES
AND PROFESSIONS (CCASP).

[redacted] former member of the CCASP, advised on March 6, 1952, that the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions was an affiliate of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

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Another source advised on November 4, 1952, that he learned that the CCASP had disbanded recently because of no money and poor attendance.

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front. (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1954 on the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, April 26, 1950, originally released April 19, 1949, p. 2.)

**DOUGLASS-LINCOLN FREEDOM
OF THE PRESS CLUB (DLFPC)**

A source advised on May 20, 1960, that the Douglass-Lincoln Freedom of the Press Club (DLFPC) came into existence in about June, 1956. It is an independent organization without headquarters, which operates on the South Side of Chicago.

This source also advised that the DLFPC consists mainly of non-Communist Party people, with a few Communist Party members in it. These individuals meet weekly, study some of the articles appearing in "The Worker", and then distribute "The Worker" on Chicago's South Side.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

**EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION
OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS**

"The Jewish Fraternalist" dated October, 1947, self identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on page 6, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report on the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted that the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

Both the IWO and the JPFO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

"1. A 'Communist Yiddish Daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

**EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF JEWISH
WOMEN'S CLUBS (CHICAGO, ILLINOIS)**

A source advised on May 23, 1960, that the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (Chicago, Illinois) (ELFJWC) were formed in early 1951, following a National Convention of the Emma Lazarus Division of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, International Workers Order (JPFO)(IWO) in 1951. At this Convention, the Emma Lazarus Division changed its name to the ELFJWC and adopted a new constitution.

As of May 23, 1960, the Chicago Branch of this organization had no Chicago headquarters. Meetings are held in the homes of members of various local clubs.

The current membership card of the organization states that it is serviced by the ELF of New York. The stated aims and purposes set forth on the card include: the promotion of Jewish cultural efforts; the sponsoring of "Progressive" Jewish kindergartens and schools; support of the Emma Lazarus Day Nursery in Jaffa, Israel; the development of a civil rights program against anti-Semitism, Negro discrimination and all bigotry and further Democratic rights of all foreign born; and finally, a program of unity of all civic organizations for family welfare, security, and peace.

A second source advised on May 8, 1959, that the President of the ELF in Chicago from 1951 to 1958 was a member of the Jewish Commission, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, as of May, 1959.

The CP, USA, JPFO, and IWO have all been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The National Lawyers Guild has been cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents".

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised on June 22, 1960, that it was his understanding that the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) was formed around 1936 in New York City and that the Chicago Chapter of the NLG (CCNLG) was formed shortly thereafter, possibly in 1937, by a group of liberal progressive lawyers in protest against the non-liberal, non-progressive American Bar Association. The CCNLG has no established headquarters but occasionally uses the return addresses of its officials on literature. The current CCNLG President is PEARL M. HART, who is also a member of the NLG National Executive Board.

On June 23 and 26, 1951, LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former national Communist Party (CP) functionary, advised that PEARL HART, a Chicago attorney, was introduced to him as a member of the CP. He also reported that he was repeatedly advised through reports by an Illinois CP leader in the National Committee meetings, and through instructions to him from national CP leaders, that HART continued to be a member of the CP up to at least October, 1945.

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PROGRESSIVE PARTY

"Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the Progressive Party *** The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate
Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S.
Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

A source advised on May 14, 1956, that from all indications the Progressive Party of Illinois was no longer in existence inasmuch as there have been no recent meetings or campaign for funds held since early 1955.

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SOCIALIST UNION OF AMERICA (SUA)

SUA is located at 857 Broadway, New York City.

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The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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"AMERICAN SOCIALIST"

A source on May 4, 1959, advised that the "American Socialist" (AS) was a monthly magazine which was controlled by the Socialist Union of America (SUA) from January, 1954, to June, 1957, and had been controlled by the American Socialist Clubs (ASC) since July, 1957.

A second source advised on November 24, 1959, that at an ASC meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, in November, 1959, it was decided to abolish the ASC and discontinue publishing the AS.

The December, 1959 issue of the AS contained an editorial announcing that it was the last issue of the magazine.

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LOUIS TERKEL, Also Known As
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An admitted Communist Party (CP) member advised that Terkel recruited him into the CP in the mid-1940's and it was reported that Terkel was a concealed CP member in 1945. He was reported a member of the CP Musicians' Club in the 1940's, in good standing in 1948. In 1955 he was described as a former CP functionary by [redacted] of the CP of Illinois. He has also been described as a person whom the CP can always call upon to write articles, entertain, and to secure funds. Throughout the 1950's Terkel has been associated as an entertainer, master of ceremonies, etc. for such front organizations as the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, National Lawyers Guild, and the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs. Terkel's association with and sympathy towards subversive causes continues to the present time and he has shown no inclination toward disaffiliation with these causes.

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Terkel is a well-known personality in the local entertainment field as a master of ceremonies, entertainer, and writer and as such is in a position to be potentially influential and able to raise funds for the subversive movement.

For the above reasons he is recommended for
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Villain or Victim?

A WALL STREET JOURNAL News Roundup

Michael Milken, who made the junk bond market into a behemoth that fueled the 1980s takeover boom, became a symbol of the decade and of the central role of investment bankers in U.S. business. Now that he's pleaded guilty to six felony counts, The Wall Street Journal has sought comment from interested and disinterested parties both on his plea bargain agreement and on how history will view him.

GLENN A. COX
President, Phillips Petroleum Co.

We were caught up in what went on in the '80s and cast in a negative light. Now as we focus sunlight on history, we see that a lot of that activity occurred outside the law.

There's some vindication of companies, including ourselves, that were attempting to operate in a straightforward manner when the people who were dealing with us were dealing outside the law. It took a long time for all that to come to light, but it helps recast the characters in a different light. I'm not saying that everyone was operating outside the law, but certainly a number of people identified in the Phillips takeover activities have now been shown to have operated outside the law.

The settlement, as I understand it, does probably shorten the time frame that this thing could consume. It allowed to drag through the courts. Given the strong position the government has, I'm glad to see the matter being resolved today rather than dragged out another three, four, five years. (Drexel provided financing for a run at Phillips Petroleum by Carl Icahn.)

CHARLES H. KEATING JR.
Chairman, American Continental Corp.



"You don't put Michelangelo or da Vinci in jail. To lose that mind for even a day would be a tragedy."

"Instead, Mr. Keating suggests that the government could thrust Mr. Milken into a central role in correcting the savings and loan mess by making him chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. A guy like Milken could bring intelligence and common sense, and more important than that, an ability to marshal talent."

"Mike was a tremendous factor in the development of America over the past eight years. The Reagan administration was very fortunate to have Mike funding American enterprise during the time Reagan was in office. It caused the economy to be extremely stable and evolving."

"I think that if Mike Milken's talents were applied to government relationships in the economic field in South America, that someone like Mike could design and implement solutions that would cause the poor and starving to have opportunities and to economically advance." (American Continental had major junk bond dealings with Drexel.)

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RABBI ARNOLD JACOB WOLF
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The plea bargain doesn't provide harsh enough punishment for Mr. Milken. He should be hung by his thumbs for years and years and years. He's a very terrible person. He's a symptom of the worst in America at the end of the century. Washington is full of corruption, and so is Wall Street and everywhere. That's a symptom of yuppie values.

If you mention Milken [to kids at the synagogue], they would say, 'He just got caught.' I think it's possible to be more honest, but not a lot of kids here think it is. White collar crime is wrong. It just looks less malevolent than it is.

JOEL SMILOW

Chief Executive, Playtex Apparel Inc. and Playtex Family Products Corp.

It's an American tragedy. He was such a clever guy, who was so brilliant and did contribute so much. It was a tragedy that he had to be involved with activities that so tarnished his reputation and removed him from the scene. He didn't need to do what he admitted to. (The Playtex companies were clients of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., Mr. Milken's firm.)

STEPHEN A. WYNN

Chairman, Chief Executive, Golden Nugget Inc.



People will say he pleaded guilty to six counts, so he's guilty, but we're not dealing with a normal scenario here. It's possible to squeeze people tight enough so that reality gets distorted, and I'm not sure that's not what's happened.

He doesn't belong in prison. His energy should be used somewhere else.

The agony of it is that he'll never know if he did the right thing in agreeing to the plea bargain. He made the deci-

sion for his brother and his [Lowell's] children, because he didn't want Lowell to be prosecuted.

Michael Milken is far from over. He's a man of such unusual gifts, and such an extraordinary fellow. He'll put all his creative energy and brilliance to work in a way that will be rewarding to him and the people he works with. (Mr. Milken helped Golden Nugget become the first casino operator to use junk bonds.)

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Professor, Harvard Law School

The plea bargain is calculated to keep the public in the dark about the real stakes. We'll never know what he did. But while the bargain may enable Mr. Milken to claim that he didn't cut a deal to cooperate with prosecutors, I guarantee there will be a secret letter sent to the judge, outlining his secret cooperation. This deal smells of that.

In a case of this public interest, the prosecutor has an obligation to announce all the terms, implicit and explicit, behind the plea bargain.

PALOMBA WEINGARTEN

Chairman, Chief Executive, Pilgrim Group of Mutual Funds

Mr. Milken will be remembered as a man who created a revolution that allowed small and medium-sized companies to finance their growth. He was forced to plea bargain because otherwise he would have been blamed with things that had nothing to do with him, including Drexel's going out of business and people losing their jobs.

Mike Milken's problem is that he never developed a constituency; he should have brought more people in the investment community into the loop who could have better explained what he was doing instead of shaking their fingers at him. (Pilgrim's former parent, First Capital Holdings Corp., was a client of Drexel.)

REP. JOHN DINGELL (D., Mich.)
*Chairman, House Energy
 And Commerce Committee*



The government's agreement with Mr. Milken raises more questions than it answers.

The fines assessed amount to less than a year's compensation for Mr. Milken, according to the most conservative estimates. How does this affect

the rights of the companies and individuals who have been victimized in these cases? Why is Justice not pursuing the others who were indicted with Milken and his brother Lowell? Why is the government not getting Mr. Milken's full cooperation in other cases as the public interest demands?

Mr. Dingell also questioned why Mr. Milken wasn't charged with any violations stemming from his junk bond transactions. He said his committee provided the Justice Department information two years ago on them. He said he will give Mr. Milken every opportunity to testify before his panel. He also said the committee will review the settlement.

"At this point, I can only wonder if the Mikado would be satisfied that the punishment fit the crime."

EARL G. GRAVES
Publisher, Black Enterprise magazine

"Mike Milken and Drexel led the way in doing business with black America. Because of them, big U.S. corporations are increasing their involvement with black companies."

"Mr. Milken may have lost sight of what else he was supposed to do. But he has done some very positive things not

only in business, but in education and in charitable giving, Mr. Graves says.

The plea bargain is quite acceptable. If you can get him to pay \$600 million and still serve time, justice will have been served."

JOHN BOGLE
Chairman, Vanguard Group

"I think history will judge Mike Milken and the high-yield bonds as one of the great financial excesses of the latter part of the 20th century. I thought a trial would be a good thing. That way, we would have more than just opinion to go on in deciding whether this thing was one great fraud or just some minor technical violations of the law. I tend to lean toward it being more than just technical violations."

STUDS TERKEL
Radio Personality, Oral Historian

The whole thing depresses me with Milken and [Ivan] Boesky. We live in a corrupt, amoral moment set by the powers above—Iran contra, Oliver North. Mr. Milken is par for the course. There are a million Milkens and he doesn't deserve even a footnote in history. He's reflective of our society at this time. But he probably won't be chastised in the history books. People have lost their sense of outrage."

H. ROSS PEROT
Financier



"He [Mr. Milken] caused a great deal of destruction that will continue on for a number of years. It's a tragic waste of talent when business and society encourage this kind of activity. The financial community and the media lionized him and made it

possible for this destruction to occur."

Mr. Perot said he is uncomfortable with plea bargains but he felt it was probably the best thing the government could do under the circumstances. "When you have a revolving door of prosecutors, you're placed in an inherently weakened position. One of the lessons learned is that we really have to come up with a way for government to go into the private sector and hire world-class attorneys who have the background and skills to handle a case like this and who will see the case through to a conclusion."

A lesson for young businessmen is: "Don't govern your life by what's legal or illegal; govern it by what's right or wrong."

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KURT O. HANSON
Lecturer, Business Ethics,
Stanford Business School

Cases of this type almost require a plea bargaining process because of their complexity. To me, such a plea bargain outcome will only be just if it results in some prison time. The stigma, particularly to a business person, of doing time is among the most severe penalties.

In some ways, Milken should be the symbol of the 1980s because he both contributed a lot and was so blind to procedures of fairness and fair dealing in so many day-to-day transactions. He also will be remembered as yet one more individual who believed his own press releases and thought that junk bonds were the solution to every company's and investor's problems.

GAIL I. HESSOL
Managing Director
Standard & Poor's Corp. ratings services

I'm not sure whether Milken was a villain or a victim. The initial premise behind junk bonds was probably correct.

For fallen angel companies, the world thought credit quality was a lot worse than it was. Milken and others earned very generous returns by investing in those bonds. It was a good idea in the beginning.

Clearly it went too far. Aggressive takeovers led to financial excess. The average credit rating declined from single A in the early 1980s to double B now. There was a lot of propaganda that ratings were irrelevant. That's over now.

I don't think we're laughing to see Milken gone. I have a suspicion that in the end, he and Drexel were unfairly blamed for a lot of problems.

JOE JAMAIL
Lawyer



The \$600 million is a stiff fine. Justice will probably be served by it. I have trouble unless we're just punishing for vengeance's sake, sending anybody off to the penitentiary. They're punishing the SOB enough by taking his money away.

That's a hell of a fine.

Everyone wants to see the mighty fall. I'm afraid it would be difficult for the man to receive a fair trial. A jury wouldn't understand everything. Now I love juries, but I don't know about this one. Arthur [Liman] did him a hell of a job.

Those who made money will love [Mr. Milken]. Those who didn't are going to hate him. Friends want you to be successful, but not too successful.

JAY ROCKEFELLER (D., W. VA.)
Senator

The Milken and Boesky affairs are a far worse cancer than Iran Contra. I was curious about where he's going to get the \$600 million in fines and restitution. It makes a fairly clear point to any one who's listening carefully.

GORDON S. MACKLIN
Chairman, Hambrecht & Quist
Former President
National Association of Securities Dealers



I think his story will be a mixed review. It's hard to take someone who accomplished so much and paint him totally black. On the other hand, it's hard to find high praise for someone who is guilty by his own admission.

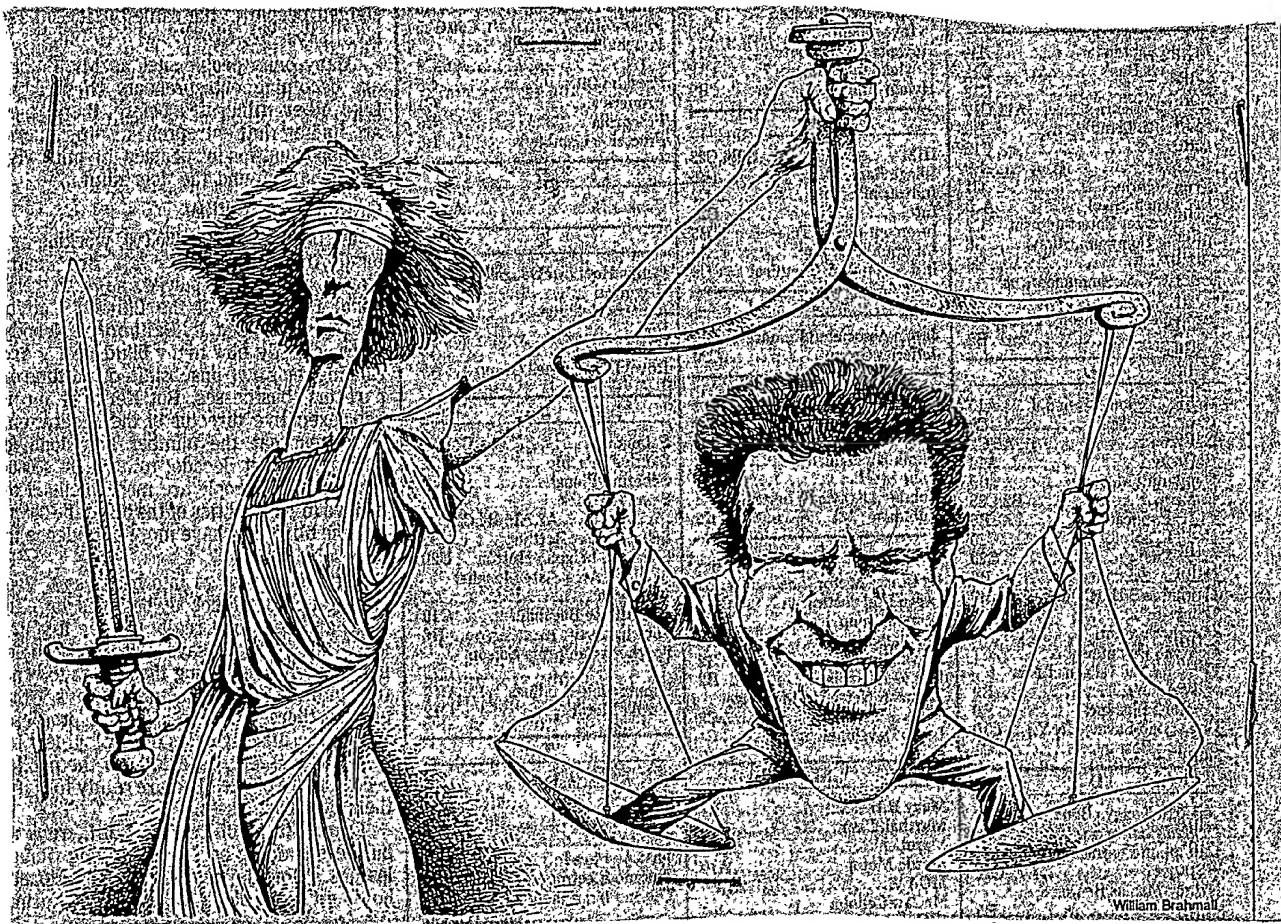
He's the only one who saw the whole set of cards. He's very smart and very sophisticated. He wouldn't have done it [plead guilty] if he didn't have good reason.

This whole era of flagrant securities violation has been marked by very effective work by the SEC and the other law enforcement agencies. On the other hand, it was also marked by some extravagances. I think they [law enforcers] have restored much of their credibility by bringing this case to a conclusion.

FRANK RIZZO
Former Philadelphia Mayor
Radio Talk Show Host

I hope he gets a lot of time. He should do a substantial amount of time [in jail]. If some poor guy robbed a bank, he would get 10 or 20 years. But if you're very rich, you can hire the best lawyers and make deals.

He'll be viewed as a crook.



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